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55 days of protest on the streets of Belgrade: now Europe's pariah totters

It was a moment supporters of the Serhian opposition had come to mained on the streets until the small fear they would never see. But at last, the regime of Slobodan Milosevic yesterday seemed to be in retreat.

On Serbian New Year's Eve. on Monday night and through into yesterday morning, there was the deaf-ening sound of whistles as half a million marked the beginning of the Orthodox Church's New Year and what they hope will be the beginning of a new era for Serbia.

Then, a few hours later, the Ser-hian authorities made their biggest concession yet, announcing yester-day that the opposition had, after all, won elections in Belgrade and other cines in November. Until now the government had insisted that the election results were not valid, in effect because the wrong side had won.

The concessions come after 55 days of protests which brought hundreds of thousands onto the streets day after day. It showed that people power, which has already shown its astonishing vitality in Berlin, Bucharest and Prague, is still alive

The head of the Belgrade election commission insisted there had been daunting. On the one hand mass protests, similar to those which brought down Communist regimes in 1989, put the government on the defensive as never before. On the other hand Mr Milosevic, who has shown a Houdini-style ability to es-cape from impossible difficulties in the past; wanted a bone to throw to the opposition, in the hope that the demonstrators would go home.

The concession came in the immediate wake of a giant New Year's Eve protest and celebration com-

centre of Belgrade, blowing the whistles that had become the protesters' favourite prop. Crowds rehours, walking and whistling their way through the streets or listening to bands playing in the city centre.

The longer the demonstrations continue, the more difficult it has become for the government to snuff them out. Alarmingly for the regime, even the police have seemed increasingly friendly to the demonstrators as the days have gone by.
According to the official results

confirmed yesterday, 60 per cent in Belgrade voted for Zajedno

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("Together"), almost three times as many as the 23 per cent who voted for Mr Milosevic's party, the Serbian Socialist Party (former Communists). In the southern city of Nis, an decision. In reality the pressures were nounced the opposition had won, a point the courts acknowledged last week, but which the electoral commission until yesterday refused to

> But politically, the fat lady has not yet sung. Mr Milosevic has not confirmed the election commission's ruling, and opposition leaders yesterday insisted on caution. Zoran Djindjic, a leader of the Zajedno alliance, warned: "We don't know if this is a final decision, of if tomorrow a new decision will be taken to nullify this." He argued that yesterday's

confuse the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe. which is due to meet this week to discuss policy on Serbia. The OSCE condemned the original annulment

of opposition victories. Mr Djindjie demanded greater openness in the state media, especially the powerful and hated television news. He demanded that people across Serbia "should finally know why for two months people protested". Mr Djindjic said vesterday's concession was like "putting a few drops of water onto a huge hlaze". The demonstrations, he said, would continue.

Vuk Draskovic, another leader of the Zajedno alliance, said yesterday's decision was "the first step to common sense". But he also said the street protests would continue until it was clear yesterday's decision would stand.

The knock-on effect of the demonstrations and of yesterday's climbdown may hring down Mr Milosevic, the hitherto unassailable dinosaur of Balkan politics. Mr Milosevic, who came to power almost 10 years and three wars ago on a tide of nationalism, now looks more vulnerable than ever before.

Even if he limps on until elections ing crowds chanted "Slobo! Slobol" are gone. For years, Belgrade leader's malign shadow. Many ordinary Serbs seemed hypnotised by a leader who proclaimed his love of peace while encouraging and bloodshed on a scale not seen since the Second World War. Now the depressed city has gained a life of its own once more. As one man said on Monday night: "I thought Milosevic was good but he cheated us." His friend added: "Finally, we want to destroy our Ceausescu."



NHS dentist earns £640,000

Colin Brown Chief Political Correspondent

The search was on last right for the highest paid dentist in Britain, after the disclosure by the Department of Health that it paid £604,000 last year to one dentist who works in the NHS. Average earnings for most dentists are £98,000 a year, reduced to a more modest pre-tax £40,000 after taking account of

practice expenses. The Department said it hebeved the dentist had six assistants, hut ministers are concerned about high earnings and are instituting checks.
The figures also alarmed Gordon Prentice, the MP for Pendle, Lancashire, who tabled the question after reading that one London dentist had been prdered to be retrained after earrying out unnecessary work, hich left a woman patient with fillings in every tooth in her

There is a can of worms here which needs to he looked " said Mr Prentice. "I take the view that there should be criminal offence for unnecessary treatment, which is the same as an assault. It is not enough for them to be retrained. They should be behind bloody bars."

Mr Prentice has tabled further questions to find out in which town Britain's richest NHS dentist lives, but so far the Department has proved coy. The town where I live [Barnoldswick] doesn't have a single NHS dentist and it has over 10,000 people," he said.

Funding of Blair's office to be investigated by MPs

Christian Wolmar Westminster Correspondent

The secret funding of Tony Blair's office is to be investigated by a committee of MPs after complaints about the propriety of a "blind fund" to help him pay for his campaigns.

The Commons Standards and Privileges Committee, whose last report resulted in the resignation of the Paymaster General, David Willetts, is to examine the funding of the Opposition leader's office and in particular the fund set up two years ago as a vehicle for anonymous donations to the party.

The investigation will embarrass Lahour, which has sought to make the secretive nature of Tory party funding an election issue. The embarrassment could be compounded



latest report

should Mr Blair, like Mr Willetts, face questioning by the committee in the full glare of the television cameras.

The investigation follows a complaint by the Tory MP for Dover, David Shaw, following revelations last year of the

existence of the hlind fund. Sir Gordon Downey, Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, has given his provisional approval to the concept of the hlind fund. Because of this he has told members of the Committee he cannot undertake an

investigation into the fund. The idea behind the fund was to allow donors to the Lahour Party to give large sums of money without identifying themselves to anyone except the fund administrators. This is intended to get round suggestions that hig donors are attempting to huy influence in the party.

In practice the move has proved controversial and is seen by many within the party as an "own goal", as the party has always argued that it is much more open about its sources of

The blind fund was set u after Mr Blair became frustrated he could not use mainstream party funds in his campaign two years ago to abolish Clause IV

of Labour's constitution. In his complaint Mr Shaw said the notion of such a hlind fund is a sham, as "it is inconceivable that a donor would not seck to draw the receiving MPs attention to his donation at some time". Mr Shaw points out that the identity of the donors is not disclosed to the Members' Register of Interests.

The Standards and Privileges Committee will simultaneously examine the role of former Tory whip Andrew Mitchell in the investigation into the Neil Hamilton cash-for-questions affair. It has decided to call Mr Mitchell to give evidence at its meeting next Monday.

QUICKLY

Grobbelaar 'offered bribe to lose game'

Former Liverpool goalkeeper Bruce Grohbelaar was offered big hucks" to throw football matches and received £40,000 after Liverpool lost a game, a court heard. The Southampton coalic, two other footballers and a Malaysian businessmen face conspiracy charges. Page 3

Banana economics Tesco management was scratching its head over a customer who hought nearly half a ion of hananas, gave them away - and

Cyprus fears eased The US claimed success in reducing military tensions between Greeks and Turks in

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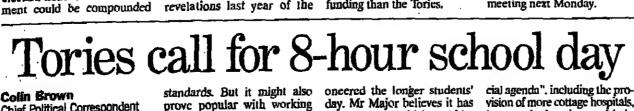
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Tories call for 8-hour school day

Chief Political Correspondent

Plans to lengthen the school day by at least an hour are being prepared for the Tory general election manifesto, as part of John Major's new "social

Children in secondary schools and at sixth-form colleges would be allowed to start later than usual at 9.30am, but they would be expected to stay until at least 5.30pm, to do more work or to take part in organ-

ised sport. The aim of the extra time at school, with a more flexible at the end of the month. day, would be to raise education

prove popular with working parents, who are worned about their children being left unsupervised hefore they return home from work.

The Prime Minister has been working out the plans with Norman Blackwell, head of the No 10 policy unit, and his political secretary, Howell James, in meetings at his home in Huntingdon during the New Year break. He has called in key ministers to discuss the manifesto plans, which will be thrashed out with the Cahinet in a special Chequers meeting

City training colleges have pi-

been a success which could be introduced in schools. The longer school day could

be costly, and it may upset teachers who are already protesting about low morale in the profession. However, it could mean higher earnings for teachers who carried out the supervision, or it could provide jobs for assistants brought in to cover the extra hours.

Mr Major will present the Cahinet with draft plans for the manifesto on a range of issues. including law and order, but Conservative Party sources said he wanted to focus on the "so-

"fudging" the figures.

for working women.

changeas a resigning issue.

Mr Clarke is to present a pa-

Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown!" called the Speaker. And answer came there none. Although the Tory member for Cirencester and Towkeshury was down to ask the second question to Her Majesty's ministers for Defence, he was not there. The Labour benches - filled with born-again invasionrepellers and arms salesmen ecred; the assortment of ex-Vulcan pilots and services groupies on the Tory side looked crestfallen. Geoffrey had let the side down.

It was only when Michael Portillo was half-way through answering the next question on rapid deployment (this is the man, after all, who can get a hundred telephone lines into SWI at the drop of a hat), that Mr Clifton-Brown

Andrew Brown Religious Affairs Correspondent

to vote in the general election.

Church of England hisbops are dis-

cussing whether or not to tell people how

meeting at a Liverpool hotel, are trying to agree a common stance after indi-

vidual interventions earlier this month

from the bishops of Oxford, Birming-

ham, Coventry and Liverpool all seemed

to urge Christians to vote for the Labour Party.

They are wondering whether to is-

sue a collective statement about the

political responsibilities of Christians,

The agenda of the hishops' meeting is kept a tight secret. Much of this week's

discussions will be taken up with inter-

nal issues. But it is known that several

senior hishops would like the Church to play an active role in illuminating the

issues of the general election campaign.
Others, however, chief among them
the Archhishop of York, Dr David
Hope, are very worried that any such

intervention would be seen as a boost

to the Labour Party. Dr Hope last week gave a newspaper interview in which he stressed the prosperity and

success of much of Britain; most of his

colleagues prefer to stress the miseries

The official position of the Church of

England is that it welcomes the Catholic hishops' document "The Common Good," which was widely seen as urging Catholics to vote Labour when it ap-

Several Bishops have privately re-

marked that they wished the Church of

England could have produced as im-

of the deprived parts of the nation.

peared last autumn.

a source close to the meeting said.

The 43 bishops, who are in a four-day



All David Evans's questions start as a roar and build to a sonic boom; this was no exception

Bishops vote

on taking a

political stand

Church. Anti-abortion activists denounced it as insufficiently focused on

their favourite issue, while Conservatives

denounced its general approach.

The next difficulty faced by the

Church of England is the appearance of

an ecumenical report on unemployment,

which a senior adviser to the Archbisb-

op of Canterbury, Dr George Carey,

tried rather clumsily to squash when it

appeared that it would draw the Church

A compromise has now been reached,

whereby the report will be published on

7 April. It is expected to stress the

primacy of jobs over profit.

Few observers believe the bishops will be able to unite around an unambigu-

ous political statement, partly because they are themselves politically divided.

But what they are trying to do, said one source close to the meeting, is to ensure

that the political agenda is seen in a the-ological light: Christianity teaches that

human heings have certain fundamen-tal needs and rights implanted by God, and these are what political programmes should try to satisfy.

The trouble for the Church is that the

causes where Christian leaders believe

the teachings of the Bible are clearest

are those where they are least popular.

The treatment of the powerless, whether

they are beggars, asylum seekers or

da but low on that of any politician who

wants to get elected. Several bishops,

such as Rt Rev Mark Santer, the Bish-

op of Birmingham, bave attacked New

Labour from the left, in political terms. The final dilemma the bishops meet-

ing in Liverpool must confront is that

into political controversy.

deployed himself very rapidly - but far too late - into his seat. The diminutive C-B, whose face, one of the least expressive in the House, usually fails to betray emotions such as love, hatred or comprehension, was clearly annoyed. One eye opened and one finger waggled, as he explained to a colleague why he bad been delayed. My hit-

and-miss lip-reading suggested

a tale involving a policeman, a

taxi-driver and Jerry Hayes. Then, suddenly, Mr Clifton-Brown was on his feet again and shuffling at speed out of the Chamber. J counted. Thirty seconds later he appeared at the other end of the Chamber, behind the Speaker's chair, and with a sweet grin apologised profusely, telling her about

the constable, the cabbie and the media star.

By now the two main parties were involved in a running verbal fist-fight about which of them would sell more British arms to dubious regimes - both claimed that they would. Leading for the Government was the odd dried-up figure of James Arbuthnot, Minister for Arms Procurement. He is a man whose desiccated reality bears so little resemblance to the handsome adolescent in the official photographs, that one

Or maybe, Dorian Gray style, he is wearing the sins of the nation on his face, for as he claimed fantastic success for Britain's arms export industry (14 per cent of the

can only assume that he is

either very ill or very vain.

world market in 1994, 20 per cent in 1995, and set to be 'significantly higher") I couldn't help feeling deeply depressed, reminded of Satan's maxim from Paradise Lost that it is better to reign in Hell than to serve in Heaven.

concern the Dickensian Cockney millionaire from Welwyn, David Evans. All Mr Evans's questions start as a roar and build to a sonic boom; this was no exception. Was the minister aware, he bellowed, that "the Ookrain 'ad more nookleer wa'eads than Bri'ain and France put togevver? Asand any madman could buy them if he wanted?"

No such scruples would

Labour wits quipped back: "Have you got one, then?"
"Aaand," Mr Evans shricked, "when my onrible friend [minister Soames] was fightin for Queen and country in the 11th 'ussars the member for Sedgefield and 12 of his colleagues were gruhbin' arahnd Greenham Common in a T-shirt wiv legs and arms in the air, ready to

give up! My mind's eye pictured the considerable bulk of Mr Soames, jammed into an armoured car (leaving precious little room for the driver or the gunner) riding to war against somebody or other (Mr Evans was not precise about who we were at war with at the time); while an abject Blair writhed in the Oxfordshire mud, wearing only a T-shirt Mr Evans's imagery is so much more fun than red eves and red tears, I thought, and no more untrue.

significant shorts

North Wales sex charge

A fresh allegation of sex abuse has been made against the former North Wales police superintendent. Gordon Anglesea. North Wales police

confirmed last night that a file detailing evidence of the new allegation has been forwarded to the Crown Prosecution Service which will decide whether any charges should be hrought. Mr Anglesea, 59, wou

£375,000 in libel damages in December 1994 after television and newspapers carried reports which hranded him a paedophile.

Marine's death "negligence"

A Royal Marine reservist on a night exercise was killed because of a sergeant's "gross negligence", Stafford Crown Court was told yesterday.

Mr Anthony Hughes QC, for the prosecution, said Kell Williamson, 22, from Halewood, Liverpool, died from injuries after the accident almost four years ago. He was injured when a van ploughed into two lines of soldiers in camouflage dress as they walked on a road across the Staffordshire Moorlands. The trial was adiourned until today

Solicitor held in Thailand

A British solicitor was yesterday under arrest in Thailand for allegedly defrauding £18m in mortgage funds. Robert Paul Atkin, 46,

from Luton, fled abroad in 1992 following a fraud squad inquiry into his conveyancing work. He was arrested following a request from the British Embassy on behalf of British police seeking his extradition. Bedfordshire Police confirmed a warrant had been issued for his arrest for deception in 1992.

Campaign police chief on urges women to donate eggs

A billboard campaign was launched yesterday urging women to donate eggs to childless couples by King's Assisted Conception Unit Patient Support Group and CHILD, the national infertility support network.

Drink-drive PC is jailed

A police officer who crashed his car on the way home from a Christmas party at a police station was jailed for six weeks yesterday. Magistrates in Birmingham beard that PC Kevin Coombes, 30, was three times over the drinkdrive limit at the time of the offence in January last year.

O'Neill and de Brun

In a front page article on 21 November 1996 headed "IRA took lea in Commons say M15" we reported a visit by a Sinn Fein delegation to the House of Commons to meet Labour MPs. We said the two Sinn Fein officials accompanying the party leader were "suspected by MI5 of being members of the IRA's ruling army council."
On Friday, 22 November

we reported the "unprecedented" denial by MIS of any involvement, and gave the names of the two Sinn Fem officials as Frank O'Neill and Bairbre de Brun. We described them as prominent Irish republicans and said "Neither seems a likely member of the IRA

army council".
Mr O"Neill and Ms de Brun bave informed us, and we fully accept, that while they are both members of Sinn Fein, and indeed Mr O'Neill is its official representative in England, neither has been a member of the IRA, let alone its army council. We are happy to

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Cornish coast yesterday, before embarking for the voyage to the Far East Photograph: David Brenchley in the first half of 1996 Ministers angry after being accused of fuelling beef crisis

From Sarah Helm Fran Abrams

Political Correspondent

The European Parliament yesterday enraged both the British government and the European Commission when it published a draft report attacking both for fuelling the beef crisis.

Britain is accused of failing

to ensure an effective ban on the lecding of suspect offal to cattle and "blackmailing" the EU during the non-cooperation campaign. Reimer Boege, the German head of the parliamentary committee of inquiry, said Britain should be taken to court for failing to assist with his committee's investigation.

Douglas Hogg had refused to give evidence. Mr Boege complained, and should face charges before the European Court of Justice for failing in its obligation to co-operate with a

of spreading "disinformation"

in order to protect the single market in beef by preventing the seriousness of the bovine said was an "amateurish" and "batty" report. "This is pure theatre. The parliament's critspongiform encephalopathy scare becoming public.

Mr Bocge said he intended to challenge commission president Jacques Santer to answer charges of "disinformation" over the BSE affair, when he

faces the committee today. However, the European Parliament itself came under immediate retaliatory attack for spokeswoman said.

icisms are unsubstantiated. The committee just wants publicity." said a senior Santer aide. "What did the parliament itself do to very little." In London the Ministry of Agriculture was quick to dismiss the report as simply the view of one committee member. Some of the criticisms were "ridiculous and offensive." a

Burial for unwanted

At least 36 million burgers. no risk to the public in getting sausages, pies and lasagnes are to be buried underground in landfill sites as a result of the BSE crisis, it was revealed last night, writes Fran Abrums.

will also be disposed of in the same way, according to the board which is dealing with the problem. Officials say there is sale by restaurant chains, shops

rid of the unwanted food in this way, but last night a member of the House of Commons' Environment Select Committee said she believed the only really

The 8,000 tons of pies, burgers and other ready-prepared foods were withdrawn from

compensate firms for the loss of the goods, it took on the cost More than 150,000 cattle safe method was incineration.

of storing them and disposing of them. The food is being kept in cold storage at sites around the country and is expected to be buried by the end of the

ing the meal, says the report: Britain is accused of putting tee's draft report lists a serious of areas in which Britain was pressure on the Commission not negligent in the way it dealt with the spread of BSE and atinspect slaughterhouses and of packing EU veterinary com-mittees with British officials in tempted to prevent the risk to humans from the associated

order to push the British case. In series of sweeping statements, the report questions the "impartiality" of British officials, and accuses the Government of a "biased" reading of the advice

and warnings of scientists. And in a move that will surprise many British observers, the report then accuses the Euro-pean Commission of being in cahoots with Britain over mad cow disease. It says the Com-mission "tried to follow a policy of downplaying the problem which can, at certain moments, be interpreted as amounting to

a policy of disinformation". As was evident in Brussels at the time, the report implies that the last thing the Commission wanted was the beef ban, but it was forced to call for one by member states after hysteria spread in March.

Mayhew warns on IRA violence

David McKittrick

Ireland Correspondent

The Sccretary of State for republicans.

He was speaking in the wake

at a police patrol in west Belfast have been aimed at the securion Monday night. No one was injured in the incident.

Security is being steadily in- a nationalist area at Stockman's Mayhew, warned vesterday that more roadchecks and other prethe current wave of IRA activity was intended as part of a lice brace themselves for further huild-up to "full violence" by attacks. The terrorist campaign is by no means running at the missed the vehicles and disin-level prior to the 1994 IRA tegrated on the road Sir Patrick of the latest IRA attack, in ceasefire, but the frequency of said: This is part of a deliber-which a mortar bomb was fired incidents is increasing. Most ately planned escalation to full ical representatives from the

violence by the IRA," Mean-while, Sir Patrick continued ty forces. In Monday's incident terrorists took over a house in with his attempts cope with the fallout from remarks by Ronnie Northern Ireland. Sir Patrick creased, with the appearance of Park, holding a couple captive Flanagan, the RUC Chief Confor more than three hours. stable, on Monday, when he When two RUC Land Rovers blamed loyalists for two recent appeared a mortar bomb was bomb incidents. fired through a hedge, but

The Government had clearly been reluctant to press the issue, fearing that it could result

Stormout political talks.Sir Patrick declared: "If there is sufficient evidence as a question of fact to show that either of the small loyalist parties at the talks are inextricably linked with people who committed these things then they must take the consequences." However, the political consensus appears to be that the loyalists should be allowed to remain 21

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Soccer star 'took bribes to fix games'

Liverpool goalkeeper received £40,000 after his team lost 3-0, court told

Michael Streeter

The former Liverpool goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar was offered "big bucks" to throw matches and later received £40,000 after his side lost 3-0 in a Premier League game, a court heard yesterday.

Mr Grobbelaar, now with Southampton, John Fashanu and the former Wimbledon goalkeeper Hans Segers are accused of receiving or giving money to influence the results of maiches. A fourth defendant, Heng Suan Lim, is said to have been "representative" of an Indonesianbased syndicate betting on the outcome of the fixed games

David Calvert Smith QC prosecuting at Winchester Crown Court, said Mr Grobbelaar told a husiness partner in 1993 that he was embittered by bow little Liverpool paid him compared to other players and wanted to make extra money. In the 1993-94 season he received a £160,000 gross salary, the 13th best

paid Liverpool player. He allegedly told the friend, Christopher Vincent, how he could make more money. 'Grobbelaar said the syndicate was prepared to pay him big bucks and wanted him to chuck games," said Mr Calvert Smith. "And he was going to get £40,000 to £60,000 a game if be was prepared to do the husiness.

After Liverpool lost 3-0 to New castle in November 1993. Mr Grobbelaar allegedly phoned Mr Vincent to say it had been a "good result." Mr Calvert Smith added: "If Vincent is right then it certainly had been." The same witness said Mr Grobbelaar later collected £40,000 in cash in the presence of Mr Fashanu, a former Wimbledon and Aston Yilla player now retired through injury. The Crown had evidence of how Mr Grobbelaar and Mr Vincent had disposed of the mon-

At the start of the case, he outlined the earnings of the three foothallers. In his last three years at Liverpool Mr Grohbelaar had dropped in an unofficial table of highest-paid players from 8th to 13th. Mr Fasbanu, 33, received £200,000 a year with Wimbledon and got a £200,000 signing-on fee when he moved to Aston Villa. Mr Segers had earned £80,000 as Wimhledon's goalkeeper.

The prosecution had no clear idea what the Malaysian-born Mr Lim, 31, had done in employment during the period but he had studied accountancy and bad been involved in selling cars and was

involved in a restaurant.

Mr Calvert Smith said the "corrupt scheme" to throw matches was revealed after Mr Vincent approached the Sun for financial gain to tell the story about Mr Grobbe-

laar. When the story was published in 1994 Hampshire police investigated and later interviewed Mr Grobbelaar, 38.

Mr Calvert Smith said that in interviews taped by the Sun Mr Grobbelaar had effectively admitted his actions: there were also many phone calls and further documentary proof which backed up the claims of Mr Vincent, whose evidence had to be taken with a pinch of salt, said Mr Calvert Smith, Mr Segers, 34, received large sums from Indonesia



Accused: John Fashanu (top)



during the football season and after matches which Wimbledon had lost, said Mr Calvert Smith.

His explanation that be received the money from crimes committed as a teenager were implausible in the extreme. The idea was that he would do what he could to influence the result of games in order that the syndicate could more safely bet on their outcome, said Mr Calvert Smith.

Crucial to the case were hundreds of telephone calls linking Messrs Lim, Segers and Fasbanu, and Messrs Grobbelaar, Lim and Pashanu. The Crown bad found no evidence or husiness links with Indonesía which could justify Mr Fashanu's financial gains, said Mr Calvert Smith. Mr Grobbelaar is also

accused of accupting £2,000 from Mr Vincent in the Sun "sting" as an inducement or reward for influencing the outcome of a match. Mr Calvert Smith said Mr Grobbelaar had got to know Mr Vincent through a business deal involving safari tours in their native Zimbabwe and bad become close friends.

He said the jury may not have much sympathy for a man (Mr Vincent) who received money from a newspaper for a story about Mr Grobbelaar and wbo apparently had a book planned on the subject. "His decision to expose Mr Grobbelaar's activities was the result of a

business quarrel and not a desire to prevent corruption." But there was both direct and indirect evidence, including statements from other witnesses, which substantiated many of Mr Vincent's claims. Mr Vincent said that Mr Grobbe-

laar had used a code in his dealings with Mr Lim - to whom he referred as the "short man" or "Dubka".

When he was on the phone with Lim, said Mr Calvert Smith, Mr Grobbelaar used a code to represent whether a match would be won, lost, drawn. For example, the name Wimhledon was used to represent a win, as it began with W, the name Leeds represented a loss and Dundee would refer to a draw. Other teams' names were disguised. For example the team Leeds was referred to as London because it too began with an L. Mr Calvert Smith said: "There was a certain amount of concealment or code in operation."

He said that in September 1993 Mr Vincent claimed he had gone with Mr Grobbelaar to the Hilton Hotel at Manchester airport, where the goalkeeper had allegedly re-ceived £1,000 in cash handed over during a hnief meeting in a hotel lavatory, apparently because Mr Grobbelaar wanted to avoid being carrying out the tra

a public place.

According to Mr Vincent, Mr volved in a legal scheme through Mr Fashanu to "advise" the syndicate in Indonesia about the likely results of matches but there was evidence that be had later become "hooked" in the fixing of matches, said Mr Calvert Smith.

At another meeting in November 1993 Mr Grobbelaar had met Mr Lim again, this time at Heathrow airport, to receive another £1,000 - though Mr Vincent claimed only £750 was handed over

Mr Calvert Smith said Mr Lim's contacts in Indonesia were a man called Johannes Josef, who had come to London and stayed at the Dorchester Hotel on several occasions and Mr Josef's partner, Elly. All four men deny the charges.



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A nation mourns. France's only

rock star defects to the USA

John Lichfield

For a nation already wallowing in a crisis of confidence and identity, no news could have heen more exquisitely crushing.

Jean-Phillipe Smet wishes to be an

American citizen.

Jean-Phillipe Who? Mr Smet is hetter known as Johnny Hallyday, Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur, France's only contribution to the history of rock 'n' roll, a cultural icon to his countrymen (if no one clse) for the past 38 years.

In an interview in yesterday's USA Today newspaper, Mr Hallyday, 53 going on 18, casually let it slip that be wanted to be an American. Nothing unusual about that, you might say. Mr Hallyday has heen a wannabe American ever since he saw Elvis Presley on relevision in 1958.

But, no, it is far worse than that. Johnny wants to become an American citizen. He is producing his first American record later this year, in English. He wants, finally, to make it in the land of his spiritual forefathers (Elvis, Buddy, Chuck etc).

Why, ob why, Johnny? "French people," he explained, "are very rude." Well, yes, everyone knows that. But what else? He wants to sing in front of American audiences. "It's my

American dream," he said. Mr Hallyday, who still bas his shoulder-length blonde hair, already spends half the year in Miami on a 145-foot yacht. He met his third wife, Laeticia, 21, in ber father's night-club in the American city two years ago. Did be not already perform in Las Vegas in November? Was that not an American audience? Not exact-

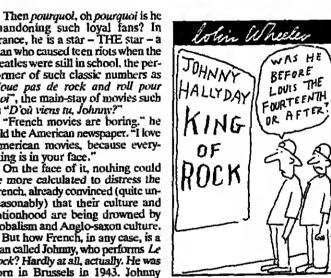
ly. Nearly 8,000 French people paid \$1,460 (£880) to fly out and see him.

ahandoning such loyal fans? In France, he is a star - THE star - a man who caused teen riots when the Beatles were still in school, the performer of such classic numbers as "Joue pas de rock and roll pour moi, the main-stay of movies such as "D'où viens tu, Johnny?"

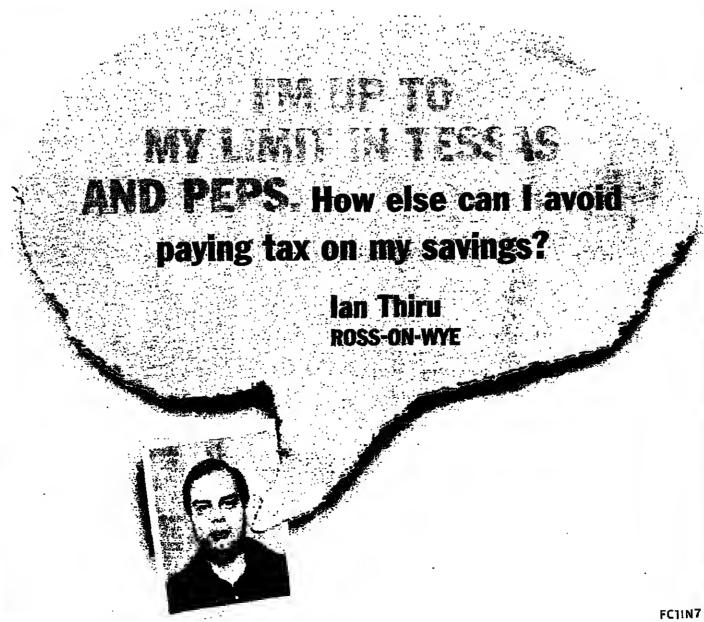
"French movies are boring." he told the American newspaper. "I love American movies, because everything is in your face."

On the face of it, nothing could be more calculated to distress the French, already convinced (quite unreasonably) that their culture and nationhood are being drowned by globalism and Anglo-saxon culture. But how French, in any case, is a

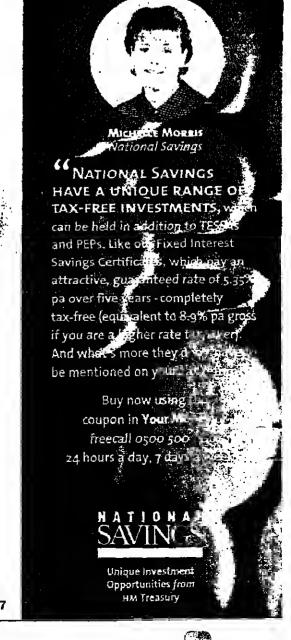
man called Johnny, who performs Le Rock? Hardly at all, actually. He was born in Brussels in 1943. Johnny Hallyday is, in fact, a Belgian.







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Clubs get

Cruel puppy farms in the dog house

Louise Jury

A grey and white Shihtzu puppy sits shinering on a hed of newspapers covered in excrement and urine. In a nearby kennel, a pair of Shelties have only an orange crate for a bed.

A King Charles spaniel stares sadly through the bars of his ken-nel, while a Labrador hitch sits on a pallet with only a saucepan of dirty water for sustenance. These were the cramped and

filthy scenes which greeted Roy-al Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals inspectors when they paid a visit to a puppy farm in west Wales last week. The pictures were released on video vesterday as the charity urged MPs to support a private

member's Bill aimed at clampmg down on cruel puppy farms.
The Breeding and Sale of Dogs Bill, promoted by Diana Maddock, Liberal Democrat MP for Christchurch, would make it easier for councils to prosecute unlicensed breeders and improve welfare standards at licensed breeding establish-

But given the pressure on



Sentenced: West Highland terriers living in filth at an illegal puppy farm in Wales. A private member's Bill aims to clamp down on unlicensed breeders parliamentary time, it stands no

recommendations made last chance of becoming law unless year in a report on puppy breedthe Government lets it go ing for the all-party parliamenthrough to committee stage tary group on animal welfare. It "on the nod" when it receives bas the backing of more than 80 its Second Reading on Friday. local authorities as well as the The Bill incorporates many RSPCA. Around 20,000 mem-

bers of the public have signed a petition of support.

Ms Maddock said yesterday that local authorities and the RSPCA needed "teeth" to act. People are huying puppies and they don't know what they're buying. If you have not seen a puppy with its mother, you on't know what kind of establishment it comes from," she

Puppy farms are supposed to have a licence from their local council, but even this does not guarantee good welfare standards - as the unnamed farm in Wales demonstrated. In the worst cases, dogs are kept in dirty, damp conditions, bitches are forced to breed excessively and puppies are removed from

their mothers too early.

The poor conditions often created health problems which require expensive veterinary treatment later on. In many cases, dogs which have been maltreated are also difficult to train when they get older.

Ms Maddock said: "This is not controversial. The people who will have to carry it out the local authorities - are behind us. We hope the minister,

Tom Sackville, will back it." Roger Gale, the Conservative chairman of the all-party animal welfare group, condemned the farms as a "vile trade". And Elliot Morley, Labour's spokesman on animal welfare, said that if the Bill was not successful, any future Labour government would introduce leasures to tackle the problem.

RSPCA, said they wanted tougher legislation to be able to do their job properly. The Bill would require an in-dependent vet to be involved in initial and annual inspections of establishments, lay down clear

Kate Parminter, for the

easier for local authorities to act against unlicensed breeders. Ms Parminter said the video footage shown yesterday was typical of what inspectors found across the country, where animals were being raised purely for profit with no thought

of their well-being.

welfare standards and make it

"The RSPCA is opposed to practices where animals are treated merely as commodities. It's a disgrace," she said. A pedigree Labrador puppy

bought from a licensed breeder might cost as much as £800, two or three times as much as from a less reputable trader. Some of the animals are transported abroad, often to the Far East, ■ The Government was yesterday urged to carry out an im-mediate "risk assessment" on its

rumoured plans to replace quarantime rules with a new system of identification and vaccination, writes James Cusick. With the Green Paper on the new proposals expected within the month, the lobby group

the Pet Advisory Committee backed the easing of quarantine rules, providing that safeguards were included in any change. "Consideration should be given to a relaxation of the quarantine regulations for animals. entering the UK from other EU and rabies-free countries, based upon a risk assessment and feasibility study." it said.

ITV's share was eight hours and

50 minutes (down 32 minutes)

while Channel 4 attracted two

hours 42 minutes. Viewing of

cable and satellite increased

by 24 minutes to two hours 32

Mr Jackson pointed to the success of BBC programmes in

1996 for its success. including

Our Friends in the North, The

House, Ballykissangel, Hamish

Mucbeth and The Crow Road.

pupils to the top of the class did six or more hours per night The figure for the other schools vas around 35 per cent.

After-school activities, such as The Government announced sport and drama, are just as closely linked to high standards that it would provide guidelines on homework and case studies of good practice to be circulated to schools later this year. as homework, says governmentcommissioned research which Robin Squire, the schools minister, said: "It is very clear was published yesterday. Far from disappearing from schools as teachers struggle with new government initia-tives, extra-curricular clubs are

Education Editor

booming, according to the study by Professor Michael Barber. His study, which compared seven schools rated excellent by

inspectors with seven others,

found that high academic standards and a wide range of

such clubs went hand in hand.

More pupils were involved in

The report by researchers at

Keele and London universities says pupils feel they benefit by

cation, challenges the view that

lunchtime and after-school

clubs, usually run by teachers without extra payment, were never reinstated after the teach-

ers' strike in the mid-Eighties

when they were withdrawn as part of the industrial action.

After-school activities and homework clubs have "much to

contribute both to pupils' in-

terest and enjoyment of school

and to their ability to succeed academically," the report says.

and effect but suggests both are linked to schools high overall

performance in "a virtuous

circle." On homework, the re-

But Will Wyatt, chief execu-

tive of BBC Broadcast, although

applauding the "vote of confi-

dence" from the audience,

We must be realistic about

the tough challenges facing us

in 1997," he said. "The competition will intensify with the ar-

rival of Channel 5 and other

new cable and satellite ser-

ITV said yesterday that it

sounded a note of warning.

It acknowledges the study is oo small to establish cause

cellent schools.

that setting more and better tar-geted homework helps to raise standards." But he attacked Labour's decision to specify how much homework pupils should do each night.

"It is not the role of government to prescribe how much homework should be set or in which subjects. This would be totally impractical and would be an insult to the professionalism of teachers," he said.

Labour has said primary chil-

out-of-school activities in the exdren ought to spend 30 minutes "This contradicts the view a night on homework and sec-ondary children 90 minutes. that by encouraging a focus on academic performance, wider goals are being neglected. The two go together, Professor Barber said.

Mr Squire said: "A few months ago Jack Straw sugsted that children should be in bed by a particular hour. Presumably they would also go round checking up that they had done their homework first."

learning more, making friends and gaining confidence. Professor Barber, of London University's Institute of Edu-He announced £60,000 to promote bomework in 12 schools. The projects include homework clubs, homework advice for parents and evening classes to teach parents how to help their children with maths.

David Blunkett, Labour's education spokesman, said a recent opinion poll (Sunday People/Audience Selection) had & shown 77 per cent of parents hacked Labour's policy: "It is odd ministers persist in denying parents information about what they should expect."

Peter Smith, general secretary of the Association of Teachers and Lecturers, said the Govemment was "correct to rule out new regulations. To impose them would be to ignore the lessons of the national carricuport found about 70 per cent of pupils in the excellent schools intervention". lum and the danger of excessive

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BBC triumphant in ratings battle

Media Correspondent

The BBC yesterday hailed 1996 as a triumph for the corporation, with the release of audience figures showing that BBC1 and BBC2 were the only terrestrial networks to increase their share of viewing.

Last year, BBC1 delivered its best competitive performance against ITV for seven years, according to the official Barb figures. It narrowed ITV's lead to 2.7 per cent, from 5.1 per cent in 1995 and 7.1 per cent in 1994.

The corporation also increased its overall audience share for the fourth year running, to 44.1 per cent from 43.3 per cent. Of that, BBC1's share rose by 0.3 per cent and BBC2 by 0.4 per cent.

BBC2 also claimed to have increased its lead over Channel , pushing its audience share from 11.2 per cent to 11.6 per cent, compared to 10.8 per cent for its rival (down 0.2 per cent from 1995). Michael Jackson, director of



television and the controller of

BBC1, said: "In the year of our

60th anniversary, viewers

couldn't have given us a better

birthday present than their sup-

a week, average viewing of all channels declined by just one

minute last year compared to

1995. The BBC's share was

11 hours and four minutes (up

on last year by 10 minutes).

At 25 hours and nine minutes

Viewing figures for top 10 programmes on all channels last year

Lovely jubbly: How Del Boy and Rodney took the Beeb to the top

Only Fools And Horses – 24.35 million, BBC1, 29 December EastEnders – 22.7 million, BBC1, 25 & 29 December (a) Coronation Street – 21.3 million, ITV, 28 February & 1 March (a) Casualty -18.05 million, BBC1, 24 February A Touch Of Frost - 17.57 million, ITV, 4 February

5. A louch of Prost = 17.57 million, 114, 4 February
6. One Foot in The Grave = 17.47 million, BBC1, 26 December
7. Euro 96: England v Germany = 17.46 million, BBC1, 26 June (h)
8. You've Been Framed = 17.34 million, 174, 27 October
9. Heartbeat = 16.89 million, 174, 27 October
10. The National Lottery Live 16.62 million, BBC1, 6 January

(b) ITV's coverage of this match was seen by a further 6.3 million viewers.



could not youch for the accuracy

of the BBC's figures because it

quantified its statistics differconceded: "The BBC are certainly doing better, but they still have a long way to go before they reach ITV's dominant 40 per cent share of the peaktime audience, which is more than 6 per cent ahead of BBC1 according to our figures."

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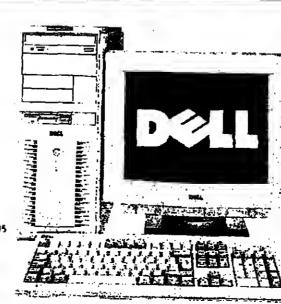
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Banana economics: buy 942lb of fruit, give it away - and end up £25 in profit

Richard Smith

Physicist Phil Calcott always wanted to make a grand gesture. feet high with bananas and So the chance to give away near-wheel it outside to Mr Calcott's ly balf a ion of free bananas proved utterly irresistible.

The idea came to the 28-yearold scientist when he saw a special offer at his local Tesco supermarket. "They had this offer on where you could buy three pounds of bananas for £1.17 and get 25 points on your Tesco Cluh card, which you could redeem for goods worlb £1.25," said Mr Calcott.

"I did a mental calculation and it seemed you couldn't lose. Basically they were paying shoppers eight pence to take away three pounds of bananas.

Mr Calcott was so convinced the taking that he spent £367.38 ceiling with 25 cases containing

had to stack up a trolley seven wheel it outside to Mr Calcott's

Peugeoi 205.
"I took a car load at a time because even with the back seat down and the boot full I could only fit in 460lbs of ba-

nanas," said Mr Calcott. He continued: "Tesco were very helpful. They put the bananas on a trolley and loaded them up for me. But when I popped back for some more they said they were not doing any more bulk orders and would only sell me one case, which is quite understandable because they seemed to be making a loss on it.

"At one stage my living the two-week offer was ripe for room was stacked from floor to

buying up 942lbs of Tesco ba- around 3,000 bananas." Mr sumption - and that's it. Giving nanas. Supermarket staff twice Calcott then set about giving away things for free has always away the fruits of his labour "Some people were dreadfully suspicious because they couldn't conceive of anybody

> ernment defence establishment. "Yesterday I took 70 pounds of bananas to give to friends at work and they have made me a badge which says 'The Banana King'. The only abusive reaction I had was after giving a bunch of bananas to a woman at her home. As I walked down the garden path her busband shout-

"Children in the street now shout 'Bananaman' whenever they see me." he added.
"All I have left are two bunch-

appealed to me - just to see how people would react. It's been great fun and I'd definitely do it again. I'm waiting for Tesco giving something away," said Mr to do a special offer on pineap-Calcott who works at a Govples because I am rather partial io them."

Mr Calcott now has almost 8,000 Tesco Cluh card points and his banana spending spree has netted him a £25.12 profit - although it must be spent on goods at the store.

Tesco said its promotion which ends this weekend - was not due to a banana glut but was ed 'It's money we want - not basimply the latest special offer to card holders. A spokeswoman said she had not heard of any shoppers loading up with cheap bananas, "It's not what we had in mind. But if people cboose es of bananas for my own con- to do it then it's up to them."



DAILY POEM

Goose Hymn

By MR Peacocke

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It warm us dict us lib It look us lub feed us going out comin in Mind it mangly boot

It go unwingly Lub it comy comy cop ya Mind it strangly finger

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"Goose Hymn" appears in Selves by MR Peacocke (Peterloo Poets). It was described by Penelope Fitzgerald in her Books of the Year cooice for The Independent as "sourish observations by geese in a brilliantly invented language of their own".

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in 1996 there were several announcements of the «Swissoir's been voted best» kind. Some goes for 1995. Same for 1994 and every other year oll the way back to 1976. And it appears 1997 will be no exception. Executive Travel magazine has just oworded us gold for hoving the Best Shorthoul Executive/Business Class as well as the Best First Class service. So we'd like to say «Thonk You» to everyone who voted for us. And ossure you that we won't just sit back and put our feet up. That's what we want you to do...

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PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

Michael A distinctly non-sparkling perfor-Heseltine mance from the Deputy Prime Minister, standing in for Major who was returning from the Indian sub-continent. Many of yesterday's questions were on health, and Heseltine appeared

Taylor

John Prescott was on his way to Hong Kong, so his place was taken by Taylor, Shadow Leader of the House. Heseltine was

open to attack on many fronts, but Taylor seemed determined to become less specific in her questioning as she went on.

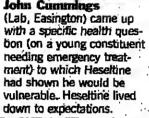
Taylor's first question was on a survey about the NHS, to which Heseltine replied with standard-issue statistics and a rather familiar phrase about the health service being safe in Tory hands. He later went on to assert that beds could not be kept empty in readiness for emergency cases - an odd argument. which it might have been worth Taylor's while to pursue. A second-rank contest, both in terms of competitors and ar-

THEMES OF THE DAY

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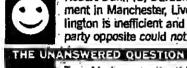
- Recent child malnutrition survey (Nick Ainger, Lab, Pem
- Low morale among teachers (leuan Wyn Jones, Plaid,
- Assisted public school places (Michael Fabricant, C, Mid-
- Labour local education authorities' records (Tony Marlow, C, Northampton)





anti-Labour questions from Conservative MPs which were not about Government policy (and were therefore inadmissable) before she noticed the trend and stopped the third.

The Speaker allowed two



Robert Dunn (C, Dartford) said: "Local government in Manchester, Liverpool, Lambeth and Islington is inefficient and incompetent ... the party opposite could not even run a bath."



Tony Marlow was the third Conservative in a row to begin to ask a question unrelated to Government policy. After being caught out, Mr Marlow had to write the question off as a bad. job and ask something completely different.

Dame Elaine Kellett-Bowman (C, Lancaster) appeared in an electric blue outfit and further brightened a miserable Deputy Prime Minister's day by asking whether he thought Prescott was

absent from the chamber because he was -Compiled by Ben Summers

Labour warns of one-party state

Anthony Bevins Political Editor

said last night.

What our campaign will show is

that the real risk is a fifth term, and the Tory party beginning to feel that

they can get away with anything be-

cause we live in a one-party state," he

the devil they know, before they get burnt again."

People should think twice about

Latest campaign concedes the possibility of a fifth Tory term

Labour last night warned of the risk of a "ooe-party state" if the Tories win a fifth term in the election. Robin last night, the party leader, Tony Blair, said: "Make oo mistake about the desperation of the Tories. They Cook, the shadow Foreign Secrewill do anything, say anything, to hang on to power. They think they have a tary, is to launch a new Labour cam-paign tomorrow, in which he will warn of the risks of another Tory governdivine right to rule ...

The Tory fifth term does not bear thinking about. The collapse of the health service. Another explosion of crime. Falling further down the educational league. No devolution, no Scottish Parliament and a threat to the Uninn from a government which re-fuses to listen. You know my mantra against complacency. I say it agaio tonight. Nothing is guaranteed. There

In a speech to Scottish Labour MPs is as yet not a single vote woo." The defeatist and high-risk strategy of coo-ceding the chance of Conservative victory has been deliberately taken by the Labour teadership because of real fears that John Major could capitalise on the strong public perception - even among Tory voters - that Labour will

> That view is thought to be so strong that Labour believes not only that its supporters might take victory for granted and oot bother to vote, but that some marginal Tory supporters might give Mr Major a sympathy vote in the belief that he cannot possibly win. "Those factors com

hined, could hetp the Tories to victory," ooe Labour source said. Tomorrow's Lubour campaign will be hased on the party's private polling evidence that fear of Labour is far outweighed by fear of what a fifth Tory govern-ment would do - runoing down the NHS; reducing school choice; allowing crime to rise; and increasing tax-

Fuelling speculation - and sowing confusion - about election timing, Mr Major yesterday told reporters covering his tour of Pakistan that he might yet hold out for a 1 May electioo. Mr Major said: "I am prepared to play it long, yes, uf course I am pre-

pared to play it tong." He said that while his party would, naturally, be ready for the election when he chose to call it, "We would prefer to have the election a little later. I suspect that we will ... We wish to see the effects of our policies flow through."

He added: "I think when we get into the election campaign, when people begin to focus on the policies of the two parties, that is wheo they will ask serious questions. "They will say, are things going right now and would they change if we changed government and changed policies?"

He said Labour's support was "quite wide but not very deep", and he said Labour had been in opposition for so long that they had become "so good at it they should stay there."

Ethnic vote for Tories so small that party has nothing to lose by

chasing it



Shadow voters: Muslims at prayer in a mosque in Bradford, West Yorkshire

Anthony Bevins

The Government was yesterday accused of pandering to racism, while the Conservative Party was making strenuous efforts to woo the Asian vole.

Bill Morris, the general secretary of the transport workers'

union TGWU, said in an appeal to the black community: "It is inconceivable to support a government which has so often pandered to racism, most recently with the notorious Asylum and Immigration Bill."

But be told The Independent that the big issue that had to be

addressed by all political parties Tory support was so low among - including Labour - was the opt-out from democracy, with an estimated 90 per cent of young black people not voting.

The Conservatives are nev-

ertheless making a strong pitch

for the Asian vote in the runup to the next election. Following his prolooged vist to the Indian subcontinent, John Major will on Saturday address a London rally to celebrate

the 50th anniversary of Indian and Pakistani iodependence. But Shamit Sagar, senior lecturer in politics at Queen Mary and Westfield College, London, and director of the ethnic minority side of the definitive

British Election Studies, said

the Asian and Afro-Caribbean communities that the Conservatives had "nothing to lose".

Mr Sagar said the Labour lead among Asian and the Afro-Caribbean communities was overwhelming. Aggregate fig-ures collated by MORI for 1995 put Labour ahead by 80 percentage points to 15 for the Conservatives, while the lead for the remaining ethnic minority community was even greater with Labour ahead by 87 points to 8 for the Tories.

Mr Sagar was scentical about suggestions that the ethnic minority vote could swing a number of marginal constituencies. But a 1992 election study carried out by the Commission carried out, said there was no for Racial Equality said: "In at least three constituencies, a Conservative victory is attributable to ethnic-minority support.

"In Edmonton [ourth London). Ian Twinn had a majority of 593 and this study suggests that 718 voters from ethnicminority electors were placed for the Conservatives. For Terry Dicks in Hayes and Har-lington the figures were 53 and Slough they were 514 and 867."

Mr Sagar, who is preparing a 1997 election comparison of the voling behaviour of black and white voters - the first lime such an exercise has been evidence that the ethnic minority vote could be mobilised to win or lose seats

He described the suggestion that the ethnic minority vote could be used in that way as "a hollow threat". As for the widespread view

that Mr Major's visit to India. Bangladesh and Pakistan had to any degree been motivated by a push for the Asian vote, a Tory 410, while for John Watts in spokeswoman last night dismissed that as nonsense

"I suppose," she said, "you will be saying that John Prescott's current visit to Hong Kong is a bid for the Chinese restaurant vote?"

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Manchester airport to get second runway

Christian Wolman Vestminster Correspondent

Ministers are set to give the goahead for the second runway at Manchester airport, allowing it to take up to 30 million passeogers per year by 2005, double the present total.

The second runway was the subject of a 101-day public in-quiry which ended last summer. The inspector's report, giving approval for the scheme, is expected to be published today.

Supporters of the new runway argued that it will create thou-sands of local jobs and is essential for the economic wellbeing of the area.

Nevertheless, it has been bitterly opposed by tocal commu-oity groups who claimed it would cause widespread envir-

onmental damage. Jeff Gazzard, who lives under the flightpath and who is spokesman for the Manchester Airport Environment Network (Maeo) said: This will ruin our area. An ancient woodland, twenty houses, six of them listed, and a thousand acres of green-belt land are

being sacrificed."
Mr Gazzard said that Maen would be looking closely at the report and would seek a judicial review in the High Court if there was any suspicion that procedures had oot been prop-

erly followed.
The highly profitable airport is owned by a consortium of ten local authorities and the councils have resisted efforts by the Government to force them to

privatise it. Manchester airport is the

third largest in the United Kingdom, after Gatwick and Heathrow, and caters for charter and long-haul flights. The new two-mile runway will allow the oumber of take-offs and landings to increase from 41 per hour to a maximum of 68 to 70. It will cost £170m to huild and will he a blow to nearby Liverpool which had hoped to expand

its own airport as an alternative. The Government approval will be accompanied by strict covironmental conditions, but Mr Gazzard says that these are

We have lost the hattle because we are 200 miles away from Loodon," he said. "This would never be allowed in the south-east where Gatwick and Stansted have been protected lishing a Scottish Parliament from having second runways." Islaming a referredom.

Blair calls on SNP to back devolution

Tony Blair last night challenged the Scottish National Party to "get off the fence" and say whether it would back Labour's devolution plans.

The Labour leader urged the SNP to make clear whether its supporters would fight for a "ves" vote in a referendum oo a Scottish Parliament.

"It is time the SNP got off the fence," Mr Blair told the Scottish Labour group of MPs. "Here is the party that says it stands up for Scotland and yet is prepared to stand alongside the Tories in opposing our plans for a Scottish Parliament.

Mr Blair emphasised Labour's commitment to estab-

Ban on deadly bull bars urged by MP

Fran Abrams Political Correspondent

New moves to ban the use of bull bars on British roads were lauoched in Parliament yesterday by a Labour MP.

Paul Flynn, the member for Newport West, is making a second attempt to prevent the use of the bars, which are said to have been responsible for a number of deaths. Last year he introduced a similar Bill which ran out of time after being "talked out" by a minister.

Mr Flynn said the metal bars, used in Australia to protect cars from kangaroos, were of use in this country only to larmers and ram-raiders. Six per cent of deaths and a fifth of serious injuries caused by vehicles fitted with them could be prevented if they were removed, he said.

The bars could also be dan-erous to the driver of the vehicle, the MP added. "We know of a long, sad litany of casualties who have died because of what is a macho fashion. There is no sensible reason to have the fronts of cars cluttered in that

way," Mr Flynn told the house. Earlier, he held a press conference with Ann Baggs from Whitley, in Wiltshire, whose 10-year-old daughter Helen died after being hit by a Land Rover Discovery fitted with bull hars in July 1995.

Mr Flynn's Bill was giveo an unopposed first reading but will not become law without full Government support because of pressure on parliamentary time.

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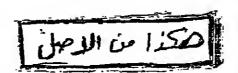
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ilies in developed countries may have contributed to the dramatic rise in the prevalence $_{\mathcal{H}} \approx 2\pi \mathcal{L}^{2} \mathcal{L}^{2}$ of asthma in children. They suggest that exposure to new environmental allergens – Sankale Little of South the molecules that trigger an all-APR 12 4 ergic reaction - in a new house, or another factor involved in فسيتعج والتعالم فيهد بعقهم moving house, may be a risk 49 9099 Qibl 83: 9099 factor for the disease, and more MANCHESTER significant than pollution, cen-

tral heating, or other previously identified factors. Dr Jane Austin and her colleagues, writing in the Archives of Disease in Childhood, say there is not enough evidence to

prove a causal link, and that their findings may be due to chance. However, a small study published in the British Medical Journal recently also suggested a possible link between moving house and asthma.

Moving house may

pose asthma danger

The new survey of more than 1,500 children aged 12 and 14 from the Highlands indicates that asthma, coughing and eczema were more likely to occur in children who have lived for a short time in their homes. More than one-third of the children surveyed had lived in their current house for five

years or less. One in four children living in the Highlands is affected by a wheezing disorder at some time in his or her life, and the incidence is rising. The number of prescriptions for asthma drugs in all age groups rose by 28 per cent between 1990 and 1995. Previous studies by the same doctors have shown that the rate of asthmatic symptoms is as high as that re-

ported in urban areas in the rest

Dr Austin said that the High-

of the United Kingdom.

the study of indoor environmental factors which might be related to the prevalence of Overall, almost one in five of

the children who took part in the survey said he or she was suffering from a current wheeziness; almost one in 10 had a cough for three months of the year, 18 per cent suffered from eczema, and 21 per cent from

Doctors are warning that people who take ecstasy may be at greater risk of water poisoning" than of the toxic effects of the drug.

Current advice to users is to keep cool and drink plenty of water to avoid dehydration. However, in this month's issue of the Postgraduate Medical Journal doctors report on a 30-year-old woman who felt unwell hours after taking ecstasy for the first time. She drank large quantities of fluid but went on to develop seizures, incommence, and confusion, and was eventually diagnosed with water intoxication.



How to get a doctor thoroughly plastered – in three easy stages

plaster to create a life-size glass-fibre model that will stand in an exhibit depicting a Victorian operating theatre in the new £5m Thackray Museum in Leeds. Kari Furre, of Kari Furre Figures and Design of York, is creating the model from the



castings which will then be fitted with glass eyes, a wig and costume. The modelling session was a prize in the BBC's Children in Need auction last year. The Scarrow family hid £2,650 for the privilege. Photographs: Steve Forrest

Accused tax man found comfort in prostitute

Graham Ball

Michael Allcock, the tax inspector accused of taking hribes from foreign businessmen, was close to tears as he told an Old Bailey jury yesterday how he turned to a prostitute as he struggled to cope with his wife's

Mr Allcock halted several times while giving his account of his mother's death from cancer in 1980, and his anguish when his wife was diagnosed as having the same disease eight vears later.

He told how he and his wife. Sally, had nursed his mother for the last six weeks of her life and how this experience had affected them deeply.

too much, we'd been there, constantly, 24 hours a day and we had experienced her disintegration and death."

Paul Scarrow shivered in a leotard and hid his embarrassment behind a curtain,

writes Esther Leach. Dr Scarrow, 37, e GP from Retford, Nottinghamshire, was preparing to have his whole body covered in moulding materials and

> Mr Allcuck went on to explain that his wife was in intense pain for two years and his seven-year-old son had nightmares, fearing his mother was about to die. He said that his way of dealing with the crisis was to spend freely without considering the consequences,

> "I carried on spending, I didn't care what I spent, I thought I'd either extend or repay loans at the bank. That was the mood I was in," he said.

The prosecution has alleged that during this time Mr Allcock brihes totalling

the Inland Revenue.

His harrister, Anthony Arlidge, QC, put the accusation to him. "The suggestion in this case is that you have received monies from taxpayers you have had contact with and that in some way you paid it into your account," said Mr Arlidge.

Mr Allcock's reply was emphatic. "I totally and utterly reject that," he said. He went on to explain that some of his spending was funded by his wife's aunt and uncle.

The couple, Fred and Phy lis Curle from Danbury in Essex, had become generous henefactors to the Allcock family during the 1980s. The court heard how substantial sums of £150,000 from husinessmen cash were periodically passed to

who owed substantial sums to Mrs Allcock who kept the money at their home in Colchester. Mr Allcock explained: "We

had some very dark times, depression, severe mood swings and a lot of the time she [his wife] was angry at what appeared to be my extravagance and lavish spending." However, Mrs Allcock helped to clear some of his loans with cash given to her by her relatives and other sums from the same source were spent on cars and

home improvements. Later, be told the court of his

close friendship with his co-accused, Hishan Alwan, an oil industry consultant, and of how he became a shoulder to cry on during this troubled period. It was Mr Alwan who introduced the civil servant to Michelle Corrigan, a former model who had be-

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while, he was the only one who knew how I felt, When I first told him I broke down," said Mr Allcock. Soon after this, the meeting at the Carlton Court

Hotel in West London between first encounter had "talked Mr Allcock and Ms Corrigan. Mr Alwan paid Ms Corrigan in cash before leaving the couple together and Mr Allcock told the court that he reimbursed his friend with £250 the next day.

Mr Allcock said that his re-lationship with Ms Corrigan come an escort girl.

"He counselled me for a changed after five or six months and that he stopped paying for her services and gave her ir-regular gifts of clothes and money thereafter. He said he husinessman arranged the first liked Ms Corrigan because she was "sympathetic" and on their

about my situation". We became kindred spirits in a way, she was a fun person

to be with." Mr Allcock told the court. "I found that behind the bravado there was a sensitive girl with an appalling background, and that she was as emotionally damaged as I was ar that time. For emotional reasons, we

both meant a lot to each other. I'll always be grateful for the emotional strength she gave me," he said.

The court heard how Mr Allcock loaned her £3,000 to huy a new car but the loan was never repaid. He also gave her a watch costing £600. Mr Allcock explained that he wanted her to get a job and improve her life.

Earlier, the court had been told how the tax inspector had investigated the affairs of a London stockbroker, Jonathan Bekhor. Mr Bekhor had given the Revenue a list of his clients. many of whom had been dealing in large quantities of shares through offshore companies.

When his wife's condition was Galaxies found with a hole in the middle

rolo minc they have a hole in the middle, according to new research using the Hubble Space Telescope.

Unlike terrestrial sweets, though, the centre of galaxies is not empty space but a supermassive black hole, with a mass millions of times that of our Sun.

The results emerge from a study of 27 "nearby" galaxies by the orbiting observatory, and ives astronomers an important clue to how galaxies develop and age. Notably, the findings help to explain the phenomenon of quasars - incredibly powerful sources of energy which are observed in very young galaxies.

The three key findings are that nearly every large galaxy has a supermassive black hole

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Health Editor

Moving house may be a signif-icant factor in the develop-

ment of asthma and other

allergic diseases, according to

new research carried out in

the Scottish Highlands where

there is an unexpectedly high

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Doctors at the Royal North-

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at its centre; that its mass is pro- black hole is the most efficient and that the number and mass consistent with the rea ments to power the quasars that

stone of the University of Michigan, who led the international team of astronomers, most galaxies at one time hurned as brightly as a quasar". Black holes are created as the galaxy forms and gas collects at its centre, eventually forming an enormously heavy star, whose gravity becomes so enormous as it collapses in on itself that not even light can escape.

A quasar is the result of gas falling into the black hole: as it approaches the vortex it accelerates almost to the speed of light, emitting vast quantities of radiation. "Gas falling into a

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portional to the galaxy's size: power source that we know and that the number and mass of," said Sir Martyn Rees, of the Most galaxies in the universe are of the black holes discovered are institute of Astronomy, yesterget swallowed ... hut that's only a tiny fraction of the total mass According to Doug Richof the galaxy. Eventually though, the

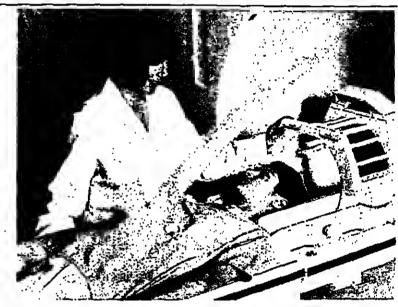
quasar will burn itself out, leaving only the black hole that powered it. "We believe we are looking at fossil quasars," said Professor Richstone. However the results, an-

nounced at this week's annual meeting of the American Astronomical Society, do not provide any answer for the missing mass" of the universe said Sir Martyn. "These black holes have a mass only about one-thousandth that of their parent galaxy," he said. But astronomers are looking for much bigger amounts of unseen mass the observed galaxies account for only a few per cent at most of the mass of the universe.

Equally, the presence of black hole at the centre of the galaxy does not mean that our eventual fate is to be swal lowed up by it. "I don't think so," said Sir Martyn. "You have to remember that these are comparatively small compared to the mass of the whole galaxy." The black holes could not therefore drag the whole galaxy's mass into it, he argues.



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Cyprus: Fears of armed conflict counter American optimism

Turkish anger grows at Russia missile deal

Christopher Bellamy Defence Correspondent

Russia should back out of its deal to sell advanced surface-toair missiles to the Greek republic of Cyprus in order to avoid inflaming the eastern Mediterranean, and the United Nations should impose an immediate Bosnian-style cmbargo on all further weapon supplies to the island. Turkey's ambassador to Britain told *The* Independent yesterday.

He repeated earlier Turkish threats that if the missiles were installed the Turks would destroy them. Senior British government sources expressed grave concern about the situation which could lead to more than a war of words between Greece and Turkey - both memhers of the North Atlantic

The British sources said they wanted reonfidence huilding measures" - shared channels of communication - between S-300 missiles, known to Nato Russian missiles to defend a

Greece and Turkey to reduce as SA-10s, codenamed "Grumthe risk of a shooting war." It hle", are similar to United would not be responsible to allow these two allies to be drawn into conflict on the hasis of a spur-of-the-moment decision by a Second Licutenant [the most junior officer], the government source said.

Speaking to The Independent, the Turkish ambassador, Ozdem Sanberk, agreed. He said improved links between Greece and Turkey would inevitably filter down to opposing forces on the island - the most heavily militarised place in Europe. Turkey has been enraged by

the signature on 4 January of a deal to buy the Russian missiles, in what Mr Sanberk said was a "flagrant breach" of UN Secu-rity Council Resolution 1092 of 23 December, which expressed "grave concern about the excessive levels of military forces and arms in the Republic of Cyprus" - fingering the Greeks, not the Turks. The Russian

new air and naval base being built at Paphos. Until now, Turkey has States Patriots, and also have a enjoyed virtually unchallenged limited ability to shoot down inair superiority over the island. coming ballistic missiles.

Mr Sanberk said he sup-They can fire out to 90 miles ported the establishment of new ties between Greece and Turkey, which as the moment can only communicate through Nato. Greece is a full member of the European Union and the Western European Union de-fence pact; Turkey is not. Mr Sanberk told The Inde-pendent that Turkey needed to

join the European Union to sort out the Cyprus problem. "Nato has only one dimensionsecurity. The EU is multi-dimensional," he said. He said he favoured a Bosnian-style solution, with two distinct entities to preserve the distinct cultural identities and interests of Greeks and Turks, but some form of joint presidency over the whole island. There is only one way," he

said, "to live side by side but separately in one island".



US 'success' heads for failure

Tony Barber Europe Editor

The United States claimed success yesterday in reducing military tensions between the Greek and Turkish communities of Cyprus, but the island's Greek Cypriot-led government said it was premature to talk of a hreakthrough, Speaking after talks in Athens

with Greek officials, a special US envoy. Carey Cavanaugh, said there was no longer a crisis on Cyprus and that Greek-Turkish tensions were under control for the moment.

The purpose of my trip to the region was to, as much as possible, reduce tension that re-ally soared this year," Mr Cavanaugh said. During earlier talks in Nicosia, he had formed the impression that the Cyprus government would not implement its threat to deploy Russian antiaircraft missiles.



President Glafcos Clerides: 'No new agreement'

Mr Cavanaugh said that he had received Greek and Turkish Cypriot promises of full support for measures to reduce tensions along the United Nations-patrolled huffer zonc tion from sentrics' weapons along either side of the I10-mile ceasefire line, the unmanning of forward positions and the acceptance of a code of conduct

and hit aircraft up to an altitude

of 88,000ft, so they could easi-

ly hring down Turkish war-

planes or even airliners carrying

tourists to Turkey's southern

coast. But what really worries the Turks is that the missiles can

be converted to carry chemical

or hiological warheads, and he

sia has a responsibility as a

member of the Security Coun-

cil. The Russians shouldn't have

Cyprus to sign the deal on 4 Jan-

uary. The Turks say the Greek

Cypriots are spending \$2m

(£1.2m) a day on arms and had

recently hought 40 Russian T-80

A Russian official visited

sold them these things".

exploded high over a city. "I don't know why they want them", said Mr Sanberk. "Rus-

Agreement on such relatively marginal issues might ease ten-sions that developed after the Cyprus government announced its planned missiles purchase and Turkey threatened a military strike in response. Mistrust was already running high on Cyprus after several people were killed along the UN buffer zone last summer in the worst violence since the 1974 Turkish invasion and occupation of

northern Cyprus.
The Greek Cypriots seemed surprised that Mr Cavanaugh had declared his diplomatic intervention a success. There has not been any agreement other than that which was already in place, that the military dia-

on what is stipulated in the relevant resolution of the United Nations," President Glascos Clerides said.

The dispute is hnt one part of a higger picture that shows a seemingly inexorable deteri-oration in relations between Nato allies Greece and Turkey.

Turkey's Islamist Prime Minister. Necmettin Erbakan, taunted Greece and the Greek Cypriots yesterday by reminding them of their sufferings at Turkish hands during previous wars in this century. "The Greeks know us very well and have experience on this subject. They saw the results of what they tried to do in 1922 and 1974, and I hope history does not repeat itself," he said,

Mr Cavanaugh, who visits Ankara today, stressed that Mr Clerides had assured him that "not a single component" of the Russian missiles would arrive on Cyprus in the next 16 months.

Midnight meeting raises, hope of Hebron solution

Patrick Cockburn

Benjamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, and Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian leader, were scheduled to meet at the Erez crossing point into Gaza at midnight last night to iron out ing an agreement for Israel to withdraw immediately from Hebron and set a date for a partial pull-out from the West Bank.

The main substantive issues have been resolved," said Nicholas Burns, the US State Department spokesman, in Washington. "Only a few minor details are left. Exceedingly minor."

Israeli and Palestinian negotiators were more cautious, saying some problems still need to be resolved, but the main features of the long-delayed accord

are now in place.

Under the agreement Israeli troops will almost immediately withdraw from most of Hehron, a Palestinian town with a population of 120,000 in the centre of which live 52 Jewish families. To protect them He-bron will be partitioned, with 20 extent of the territory where Is-

from that signed by the last Israeli government in 1995. Under a further part of the

refusal to make an agreement over Hebron alone appears to have paid off

accord, hrokered by King Husscin of Jordan at the weekend, Israel has promised to redeploy its troops on the West Bank and evacuate Palestinian villages in three stages, completing the withdrawal by 31 August 1998. This is a year later than agreed in the original Oslo Two accords, signed in 1995.

Despite agreement on a date for the Israeli withdrawal there

Netanyahu says Israel may only withdraw from half, refusing to give up the Jordan valley, the desert east of Jerusalem and oth-

Mr Arafat's the scene for future political But more immediately the Is-raeli and Palestinian leaders will have to resolve other issues still in dispute, including extradition to Israel of Palestinians who have killed Israelis, veto

> tinian police in Hebron and amendments to the Palestinian covenant, which Israel says still calls for the destruction of Israel. Also to be addressed in the accord are Palestinian demands for the opening of a passage be-tween Gaza and the West Bank, release of prisoners and the Palestinian airport being built

over appointments in the Pales-

at Gaza. Mr Netanyahu and his advisers are saying that future redeployment hinges on the Palestinians fulfilling their part of the agreement. Such is the

per cent of the city remaining rael is to cede control. Mr distrust between the two sides under Israeli control. This part Arafat expects some 90 per that the US is to issue guaran-of the accord is little different cent of the West Bank, but Mr tees that the two sides will meet their commitments.

Mr Netanyahu is manoeuvring to persuade his cabinet to vote for the agreement which reer "specified military locations". quires him to demonstrate that Vagueness about the extent he has improved on the 1995 Israeli redeployment sets terms negotiated by the Labour government voted out of office last May. Seven out of 18 ministers are said to oppose the deal, but it is expected to go through because it has majority in the Knesset (parliament). where it will be supported by the

left and Israeh-Arabs. From Mr Arafat's point of view his strategy of refusing to make an agreement on Hehron alone, but to demand dates for further Israeli redeployment from the villages, where 900,000 out of 1.3 million Palestinians on the West Bank live, appears to have paid off.

He is also on the verge of get-ting a grudging commitment from a right-wing Israeli government to give up land on the West Bank, which many of its members see as the Land of Israel, the land God gave to the let more

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Serbs party in the snow all night to mark end of Milosevic ice age

Steve Crawshaw Belgrade

Through parted net curtains in the darkened offices of Presi-dent Slobodan Milosevic, two men stood gazing onto the streets of Belgrade in the car-ly hours of yesterday morning. On those streets, hundreds of thousands had come to celehrate Serbian New Year with a

joyful condemnation of the Milosevic regime.

It seemed logical to expect that the two government employees would disapprove of such lack of respect. But in Belgrade the spirit of rebellion is infectious. With scant loyalty to their boss, the two men gave a thumbs up to the demonstrators, whose main demand has been the recognition of opposition election victories in November, and whose main desire is the fall of Mr Milosevic himself.

Even policemen seem eager to change sides. One of the few on duty yesterday suggested his heart was with the demonstrators; "I would be glad to tell you what I think - but I don't

In a sense, it was the party to end all parties. No sign of drugs and little alcohol. Just a celebration, where hundreds protesters had gone to bed. It

cated by the possibility of belief in Belgrade that though change. As one headline put it: muddy snow lies roundabout, 'Happy New Serbia." Or, in the words of the liberal daily Nasa Borba: "The energy which as-

tonished the world." Long before midnight on Monday night, it was well nigh impossible to move near Republic Square, venue for the cclchration. Some of Serbia's best-known actors and musicians were due to appear, to see in the New Year according to

the Orthodox Church calendar. The streets were thronged with an estimated half million Serbs, who together created a dealening cacophony of little plastic whistles, signifying game over!" for Mr Milosevic But despite the exploding firecrackers the gathering passed off peacefully. In the official media, the event was passed over in near silence. But the reality could not be ignored: this is the beginning of something different for Serbia.

This was a brighter, more cheerful Belgrade than has been seen in recent years. The jubilation did not come from victory. Yesterday's key retreat, when the opposition's election victories in the cities of Belgrade of thousands seemed intoxi- came from self-confidence; the

the political ice age is over. Jelena Vencl, 22, a student,

said: "Now we've got a new spirit. I think about my future. I can be a scientist anywhere in the world. But I think Serbian socicty is changing, and I want to stay here." Nikola Urosevic, 38, an electrical engineer, insisted: "It has to be a happy new year. Any change will be for the better. This fool has to go."

Forces of chaos and madness", says a favourite demonstrators' badge, mocking official accusations. In reality, the chaos and madness seem to emanate from the government. Gordana

said: "If you had asked me two months ago, I would have said it's impossible [for so many people to come together in opposition to the government]. But now there's no fear."

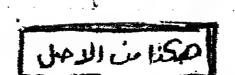
Markovic, a dentist in her fifties,

Dragan, a chemical engi-neer, said: "I can hold my head up. After all these years, I can say: 'I'm proud to he a Serb'." But few of the students have much time for the organised op-position. On Monday night, Vuk

Draskovic, an opposition leader with a nationalist past, attacked students as "idiots". Apparentthey were failing to acthose like Mr Draskovic.







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Paris of George Moose, US

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spokesman accused the

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would not be dictated to.

We detest this kind of

behaviour," the spokesman.

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A Romanian court adjourned again the trial of a Briton, John Boast, accused of smuggling babies out of the country, and summoned a "key prosecution witness" to testify in the case. Mr Boast, 46, a self-described charity worker from Great Harwood, Lancashire, was first charged a year ago with smuggling a 15-month-old Romanian gypsy girl over the border with Hungary, to of talks, described by sources

Sudan rebels on offensive

The Sudan People's Liberation Army said rebel forces captured government garrisons at Al-Kali, Daimonsour and Shali al-Fil in the Blue Nile region. A spokesman in Eritrea said the operation was carried out by a joint force of the umbrella opposition group, the National Democratic Alliance. Reuter - Asmara

trial delayed Paris and Washington are to

Peking warns the Vatican

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Peking told the Vatican not to meddle in China's religious affairs, including appointments of religious leaders and in missionary work. "China acts in line with its own national circumstances in administering its religious affairs," a spokesman said. Reuter - Peking

Iraqi opposition presses for war crimes trials

Beirut

THE INDEPEND

The "indictments" are quite specific. Taha Yaseen Ramadan, Iraqi first deputy prime minister, "ordered the murder of a group of suspected insurgents by having tanks run over their heads" after the 1991 Gulf War. As commander of the Iraqi Popular Army, he "allegedly raped a number of women". Wathan Ibrahim Al-Hasan Al-Tikriti, the Iraqi Minister of the Interior, "took part in the mass summary executions of suspected dissidents" during the suppression of the March uprising around Baghdad. Mohamed Hamza al-Zubaidi

is recorded on official government videotape kicking and beating people in the bead in the city of Nassiriya during the uprising". Aziz Salih al-Noman, while governor of Kerbala and Najaf, "personally ordered the wanton destruction of boly sites. tion of boly sites, ancient libraries and graveyards".

The Iraqi opposition, which open their campaign for war crime indictments against Saddam Hussein's henchmen in London tonight, bave even catalogued the wickedness of the "little men", the military officers whose names are largely un-known in the West. There is, for example, Lieutenant-Colonel Abdel-Karim Al-Jouhaifi, "directly responsible for the murder and hurning of 700 women, children and elderly persons" in Sourcy; Major General Rasbaasb Al-Imara, accused of participating in the chemical bombing of the Kurdish town of Halahja in 1988; and Major



nted: Taha Ramadan (top) and Al-Hasan Al-Tilgiti

participated in mass executions in Basra in 1991. Saddam Hussein himself and his son Uday would face - if the Iraqi opposition had their way - charges of genocide and crimes against humanity.
But who helieves that the

Iraqi regime will ever go on trial? The Iraqi National Congress (INC), which lost dozens of its supporters to President Saddam's death squads in last year's Iraqi offensive in Kurdistan, claims that there is a case in indoes Warren Christopher, the former United States Secretary of State, and his successor. Madeleine Albright. And so does Ann Clwyd, MP, who will be hosting tonight's opening campaign at the House of Commons for Iraq's leadership to be brought before an internation-True, Baroness Thatcher and

Danielle Mitterrand, Lord Archer and others are also supporting the campaign. But the atrocities of Bosnia proved how difficult it was to institute due process against war criminals. So who will overthrow President Saddam and hunt down the guilty men? Not the INC, who suffered from a bloody débacle in northern Iraq last year. Cer-tainly not the Western powers which chose to allow Saddam to fight again another day when Kuwait was liberated in 1991. And if Tehran rather than

new Enemy Number One in the Middle East, then Saddam may be needed - as he was in 1980 to re-invade Iran. Western leaders are indeed oddly uneasy about the idea of putting Sad-dam in the dock. While sending good wishes to the Iraqi oppo-sition's campaign, John Major has talked of the difficulty of establishing "meaningful legal proceedings" under the Geneva Conventions or the International Court of Justice. Even odder is the Government's supposed determination to see Saddam dethroned hut its preparedness to allow into Britain the Iranian opposition groups based in Baghdad - who live under the protection and with the active support of a well known name who tops the list of the ternational law. So apparently Iraqi opposition's "indict-does Warren Christopher, the ments": Saddam Hussein.



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Mother Teresa's recent decision to relinquish the leadership of her order, the Missionaries of Charity, has drawn at least 122 senior nuns to Calcutta to choose her successor. Because the frail Nobel Peace Laureate has spent the past week confined to bed with acute back pains, the sisters have postponed yesterday's scheduled election until 2 February.

"Anyone else in her condition would be admitted to hospital," one of her medical advisers said. But Mother Teresa is adamant she won't go back."

medical attention which is un-available to those at her Home very different personalities. Sister Priscilla and Sister available to those at her Home for the Destitute and Dying, Mother Teresa is stubborn about following her doctors' advice. After heart attacks in November, the Albanian nun, 86. nearly died. Even after her heart was restarted by a team of five doctors, her weakened kidneys and respiratory prob-

lems complicated her recovery. The assembled nuns plan to retreat from Calcutta to the West Bengal countryside and individually "will seek guidance through prayer," a spokes-

Sensitive to criticism that reconvene on 28 January, they she benefits from sophisticated are likely to choose between two

Frederica are the main con tenders for Mother Teresa's challenging joh. Sister Priscilla, who handles publicity from the Calcutta office, has the higher profile and sometimes gets testy with the international press. Sister Frederica, 78, is responsible for operations in the United States and is a tough disciplinarian. Unlike Mother Teresa, she avoids publicity. Neither woman is likely to match the charismatic style of the order's founder, who has

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US capital pays for its \$4bn rescue

Rupert Cornwell Washington

President Bill Clinton yesterday unveiled a \$4bn (£2.4bn) fiveyear rescue package for Washington DC, which at last offers a real prospect of recovery for the battered US capital - but effectively destroys any lingering hopes of it becoming the 51st state of the Union.

The plan, to be submitted as part of the 1998 federal budget, fulfils Mr Clinton's pramise of speedy aid for a city which has lurched from crisis to crisis over the past five years. It was quickly supported by Mayor Marian Barry and most municipal leaders, and is broadly in line with steps advocated by the Speaker, Newt Gingrich, which can only raise the chances of approval by the Republican Congress.

The scheme is essentially a trade-off. The federal government will end its \$660m annual grant to the District of Columbia. In return it will take over the massively underfunded \$5hn pension scheme for DC employees, as well as the city's prison system, and most of its bealth care responsibilities to the poor, and spend \$1.4bn on Washington's decrepit roads and infrastructure. In all, say White House officials, a modest \$339m will be added to the federal hudget deficit between 1998 and 2003.

The announcement has been timed to coincide with Mr Clinton's second inauguration next Monday, when America and the world will see the familiar Washington of broad avenues, gleaming public buildings and some of the most handsome urban vistas oo earth.

A few blocks away, however, lurks the other Washington, a case study in the problems of America's decaying, predominantly black, inner cities. Thus

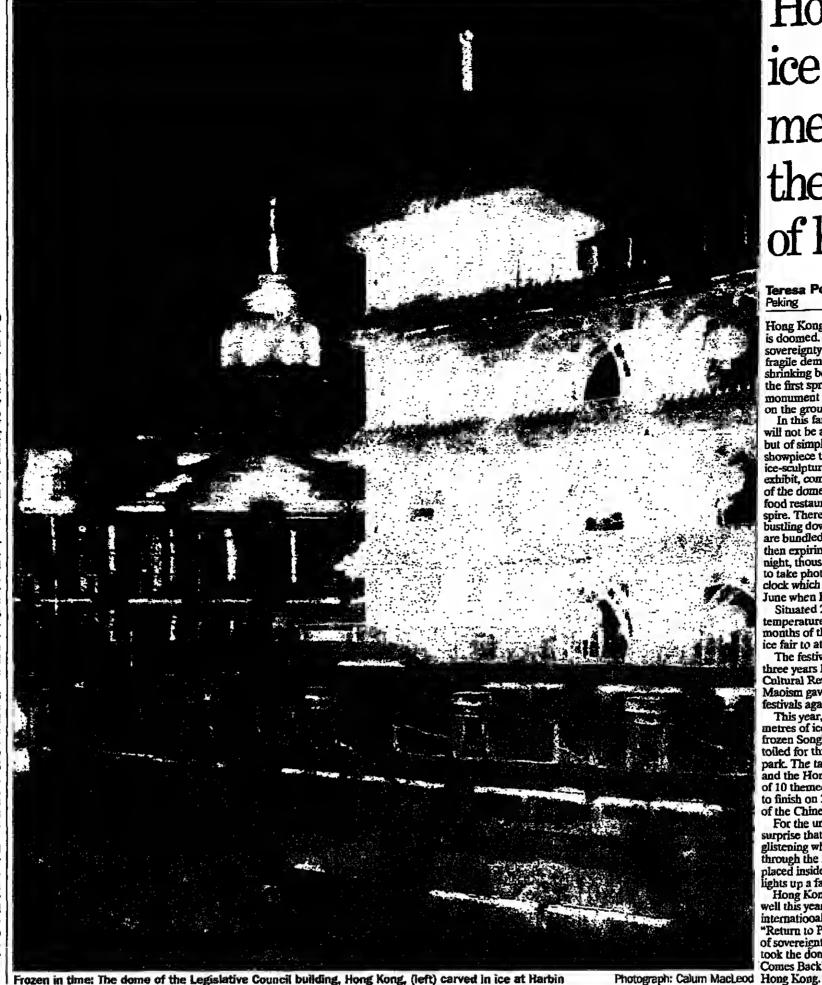
far this decade alone, 50,000 people - a tenth of its populalion - have fled to suburhan Maryland and Virginia, further eroding a shrinking tax base.

A financial control board imposed by Congress to take over management of the city from Mr Barry is struggling to correct a 1996 budget deficit of \$90m. In the first 13 days of 1997, 19 people were murdered in the District. A headline in yesterday's Washington Post pro-claimed that DC's infant mortality rate had fallen to a record low of 16 per 1,000 live births. That is still double the national average.
If the plan works, the haem-

orrhage of people and busi-nesses will be staunched and perhaps reversed. Meanwhile, the federal government's relationship to the capital will be placed on the same footing as a state's to a large city, of Illi-nois to Chicago, or of Col-orado to Denver. In practice however, Washington's limited autonomy will be even more

Before financial difficulties became overwhelming in the early 1990s, the city had dreamed of extending the "home rule" it achieved in 1974 into full statehood as New Colombia, electing its own US senators and congressman. Then came economic downturn, the Barry drug débâcle, his subsequent re-election as Mayor, and an ever-accelerating flight to the suburbs.

The White House plan would place many city services under direct control of federal agencies and still leave Congress with ultimate authority for the city budget - seen by many local residents as an injustice com-parable to the "oo taxatioo without representation" out-cry that boiled over in the war for independence from Britain in 1776.



Hong Kong ice palace melts into the mists of history

Teresa Poole Peking

Hong Kong's Legislative Council building is doomed. Months before China regains sovereignty, this symbol of Hong Kong's fragile democracy is going to start sprinking before people's eyes. By the time the first spring flowers appear, the colonial monument will be no more than a puddle 77:3

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on the ground. In Harbin, that is.

In this far north-eastern Chinese city it will not be a case of dissolving parliament, .. but of simply letting it melt. For the showpiece this year at Harbin's annual ice-sculpture festival is the Hong Kong-exhibit, complete with buge frozen replica of the dome-roofed council, a floating seafood restaurant, and the Bank of China . spire. There is even an icy version of a bustling downtown street. But visitors here are bundled up against the cold, rather then expiring from the humidity. Every night, thousands of visiting Chinese jostle

night, thousands of visiting Chinese Joshe to take photographs next to a countdown clock which is ticking away the days to 30 June when Hong Kong reverts to China.

Situated 250 miles from Russia, with temperatures falling to -30C for some months of the year, Harbin depends on the ice fair to attract tourists.

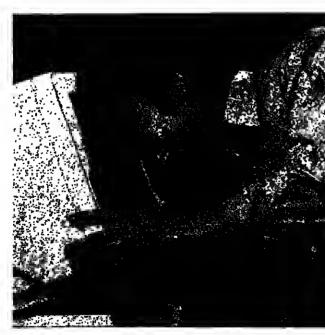
The festival was launched in 1963, but three years later it was halted by the Cultural Revolution. It was only when Maoism gave way to reform that ice festivals again became politically correct.

This year, some 20,000 square cubic metres of ice were cut from the city's frozen Songhua river and 4,000 workers toiled for three weeks to build the fantasy park. The tallest ice buildings top 60 feet, and the Hong Kong exhibition is just one of 10 themed gardens. The festival is due to finish on 21 February, the first full moon of the Chinese New Year.

For the uninitiated, it can come as a ! surprise that the Ice sculptures are not distening white. Instead, bores are drilled through the ice and brightly coloured lights placed inside. When night falls, a switch lights up a fairyland of "ice lanterns".

Hong Kong-related sculptures have done well this year. A Swiss team won the international section, with an exhibit called "Return to Prosperity", about the transfer of sovereignty. And Harbin's own sculptors took the domestic prize for "The 1997 Swan Comes Back" depicting - you can guess -

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Imre Karacs Bonn

The collective memory is dredged up one more time by faded black-and-white images flickering on the screens, as mil-lions of viewers sit glued to their television sets hoping not to catch a glimpse of a familiar face. The Holocaust is back.

Contrary to perceptions abroad, Germans cannot get enough of "ze war", but now relief is at hand. A six-part series entitled Huler's Helpers kicked off on the second public channel last night, promising an exbaustive dissection of the

Führer's most loyal boot-lickers. It has been done before, but the latest block-buster, unlike all previous ones except a major se-ries on Hitler himself, is German. "British and American television producers must not be allowed to dominate the business of depicting German history and its most sensitive period." says Guido Knopp, the director.
"This is our own history, its dissemination is our duty."

Apart from the Eighties soap opera Heimat, the most sucessful stabs at the Nazi era have been foreign ones. Schindler's List remains the most memorable treatment of the period on the big screen.

German historical research has only recently started catching up with academics working abroad Last year, the American scholar Daniel Goldbagen caused a storm with a book that accused the entire German nation of acting as "Hitler's willmg executioners".

Mr Knopp has plans for a further series that will address the ultimate question of collective guilt. In the next two years, historians in Germany and Jerusalem are to sift through hundreds of thousands of secret Nazi documents for his next project, which seeks to establish how many Germans were mass murderers. "Goldhagen asked the right questions but gave the wrong answers," he says.

French unions fight Holocaust Tr to haunt for early retirement

Mary Dejevsky

French trade unions yesterday accused the government and employers of hypocrisy after a succession of senior politicians warned that reducing the retirement age to 55 was out of the question. So many people in their 50s were being given early retirement to suit state employers and big business, the unions said, that there was no reason not to introduce retirement at 55 for all.

The demand for earlier retirement is part of a trade union campaign for improved social benefits which, they argue, could also increase the number of jobs for young people. Despite a multiplicity of government schemes, France's unemployment rate, at 12.7 per cent, remains one of the highest in Europe, and one in four people under 25 has no joh.

In what was seen by many as the thin end of a very hig wedge, French lorry drivers won the possibility of retiring at the age of 55 from their twoweek strike last year. Now the unions are seeking to build on this victory, encouraged by public concern in France about the unemployment level and unalloyed enthusiasm for the idea of a longer retirement.

At the end of last week, five unions called a national transport strike for 24 January in support of a demand for retirement at 55 for all transport workers. Train drivers already enjoy this condition; according to the strike settlement reached in December, lorry drivers will qualify for it after 20 years on the road. So it is local transport workers, including bus, tram and metro drivers, who are expected to spearhead the strike.

Although there were several local transport strikes through the autumn and most had only a limited impact, the government decided this time to take the initiative. Over the weekend, it launched a barrage of public statements rejecting the idea of retirement at 55 for

President Jacques Chirac himself released the first volley, telling an audience in his local

region of Corrèze that, while he ment at 55 was 'not possible fiunderstood the popular desire to retire earlier, "France cannot ignore economic and demographic realities". Two former



Alain Juppé: 'No question of government bending'

Prime Ministers then weighed in, Edouard Balladur and Raymond Barre, who said the claim was "a very dangerous trend for the future" and urged the gov-eroment "to hold the line". The current Prime Minister,

Alain Juppe, said that retire-

nancially" and that there was "no question of the government bending". Only those who worked more than 39 hours a week, he said, could have any

Even the opposition Socialists and left-of-centre press seemed scared that retirement at 55 could become a popular rallying cry. The newspaper Liberation called it a "simple-ton's utopia", while several MPs not known as moderates warned that retirement at 55 could "not become a general

Behind the politicians' state-ments lies the recognition that France's state pension system is in enough difficulty already without a new increase in the number of pensioners. Currently, employees' contributions are used to pay directly for the pensions of those already retired and several sectors are running short of money. A system of pension funds, and the possibility of private top-up pen-sions, is to be introduced, but there is a deep public suspicion of any change.

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Hindu Kush are not going to

win him a nomination for the

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talks in Delhi and Islamabad were

hardly the stuff of high foreign pol-

icy. Yet there is something to be said

for the modesty of Mr Major's

demeanour on such trips abroad.

a good one for a display of British

prime ministerial humility in the sub-

was wearing his silly hat for a pur-

pose, and a domestic political pur-

pose at that. That hat was meant to

say something reassuring about the

relationship of the modern Tory

The message can also be read in

recent speeches and party political

advertising. What it is intended to

say, more or less, is that you (Asians)

belong to us (Tories): Asian values

are Tory values. Together we enthuse

over economic aspiration based

upon individual acquisitiveness, the

desire to move on and up, but we

don't forget respect for family and

traditional sources of authority. Of

course this is a gross caricature.

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Clarke's cuts

Sir: While I broadly agree with

Andreas Whittam-Smith's com-

mention one critical factor in

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reject hostels in preference to sleeping rough is because in ever

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The writer was once homeless

Sir: Homeless people and beggars

are not necessarily synonymous.

minister who thinks most beggars are Scots?", 11 January)

However, those homcless people

using our Cold Weather Shelter last week were as follows: almost 80

per cent were male, with the same

percentage having slept rough on

the night before moving in. Almost

one in five was aged over 50, with

mid-thirties. More than a quarter

only 6 per cent (the same percentage as Asian and Irish), less than both Black British and

the predominant group in their

were "local". Scots represented

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ently from Bradfordians of Bengali origin - and both tend to vote Labour anyway. The Tory appeal is aspirational, designed to appeal to younger, professional British Asians

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in the suburbs.

It will not win the election: Asian votes are unlikely to make much dif-This year, especially, the 50th anniversary of the end of the Raj, is ference to the fates of Tory candidates in any but a small handful of seats. But there is something admirable about what the Tories continent. But the Prime Minister are doing. They are being explicit about their view of the politics of race - saying, in effect, that identification by ethnicity may be less important than the conventional lines of political difference, which are material interest mixed up with related attitudes and values. In that way it seems rational for Conservatives, supporters of ownership and enterprise and liberal economics, to appeal to middle-class people who happen to be Asian.

Still, let's not get carried away. Today's Alf Garnett, if he votes at all. also votes Tory. Young Asian businessmen and women may be welcome as Tory voters but they are not vet being welcomed into the suburban golf clubs where the local Tory



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party chairman goes to play. Were the Reigate Conservative Association finally to ditch Sir George Gardincr it is hard to believe that an Asian would be invited to succeed him. Party leaders were able to make John Taylor into a peer but they failed to persuade the local party to choose him as the party's standard-bearer in Cheltenham. It does not take a long political memory to recall which well-known Tory prime minister made concerted efforts to wind up the Commission for Racial Equality - a body which,

in spite of everything, continues to do effective work fighting

discrimination. Nevertheless, the Tories' pitch to the ethnic minorities is essentially right. It is an invitation to join a common front. What matters is not whether the Tory offer is sincere, nor even whether such values as acquisitiveness and family authority are compatible. It conveys a sense of political and social progress which must, in principle, be attractive to all those dissatisfied with their position, who want to move on and up. Labour, by contrast, seems less surefooted. The excesses of the left in the Eighties have left the party vulnerable to the impression that Labour associates more easily with the idea of ethnic minorities as victims, casualties, people stuck outside the mainstream, thereby placing the party outside the aspirations for improvement which are as natural to black and Asian people as to any other.

The extravagances of "multiculturalism", which too often became a set of excuses for failure to progress, were never as widespread as Labour's enemies made out. Tony Blair's rhetoric is inclusive and achievement-oriented. Labour ought to be able to present itself to. for example, those many African-Caribbean parents dismayed by their children's educational performance.

The coming election will not place colour, race, or even policy for the ethnic minorities as dominant issues. Is that a depressing sign for race relations? Not at all. The only really depressing sign is that large numbers of African-Caribbeans (in particular) have not registered to vote at all. Whatever else is going on, that must represent a feeling among many that they have no stake in mainstream society, either because they have been penalised by educational underachievement, or by unjust exclusion from jobs. If the Tory appeal succeeds in convincing Asians and other cthnic minorities that they have a stake, or at least a right to bid for one, then that will be a step towards a more sophisticated understanding of politics and race in Britain.

A bargain? No, it's a banana

omething for nothing? Not quite. When Phil Calcott calculated that Tesco was paying him 8p for every 3lb of bananas he took away. he figured he "couldn't lose". He thought that after buying £942 worth

of bananas he was £25.12 better off. But add on Mr Calcott's trips to the supermarket to pick up the bananas, the petrol used ferrying them to and fro and the hours spent standing in a Worcester street giving them away to bemused and reluctant shoppers. That's at least eight hours' work plus expenses, all for 25 quid. Great gesture, but we think Phil conned himself. There is, after all, no such thing as a free lunch.

• LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •



Prepare for the homework snoops

Sir: Tony Blair says that education is his passion - and what are he and the Labour Party proposing? Nothing short of a "Ministry for Homework", with the power to impose a minimum of 30 minutes' homework per night nn primary pupils and 90 minutes on thuse in secondary schools (report, 13

January).

How will this diktat he enforced? Beware, parents, of the knock on the front door! It may be someone from the Ministry, checking up to make sure that your children are

hard at it. Is that really all that Labour is offering us? I ought to declare an interest as a teacher and one who has set plenty of homework - where appropriate - in his time, and has seen education used as a political football by successive governments, Tory and Labour, since I began my career in the late Sixties.

I really thought that after the experience of the past 17 years under the Tories, Labour might be more sympathetic to us teachers. But no! Yet more "reforms"! No wonder so many of us want to retire early, which the Education Secretary, Gillian Shephard, is about to deny us, even though we have more than paid for this opportunity through our pension contributions..

Where is New Labour's new money coming from? What about the dilapidated state of many schools? The £120m or so saved by abolishing the assisted places scheme is hardly going to stretch that far. Only the Liberal Democrats have been honest enough to say where the money

would come from, all £2hn of it. to put our education system right. Councillor JOHN MARRIOTT Lincoln

The writer is Liberal Democrat Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for Sleaford & North Hykeham

Sir: More homework is not the answer. Education based on homework is discriminatory in the worst way - against those children who have no suitable surroundings at home to work in, or whn do not have supportive parents.

Instead it should be abolished. The school day should run from 9am to 5.30pm, the last 90 minutes being a quiet time when the children do their "homework", overseen by teachers who get on with their marking. Both would end up working a shorter day. copying bomework between pupils would be reduced, and parents could work normal hours instead of having to leave to collect their children in mid-afternoon.

Above all, children with difficult circumstances at home would get a fair chance to produce their best

DAVID HARINGTON London W3

Sir: Gillian Shephard's article ("Early teacher retirement is not a right", 9 January) is strong on finance and, unusually, short on standards and values.

No one of my generation went into teaching for the money. My take-home pay in 1974 was £90 a month. Teachers like teaching or they wouldn't be there, so why are

they getting out? Perhaps we are tired of attempting to instil the values of honesty, application and cooperation when these have long been abandoned by society; tired of explaining 10 young minds that a £1m severance payment to the head of a privatised utility is the fair and just nperation of market fnrces. But that alone would not

make us desert our calling.
We would go on coping with the endless U-turns, long hours, attempts to achieve the impossible, had we not been told so loudly and often by responsible politicians what a rotten lot we are. We can only do miracles if we feel valued.

She's a hright girl, that Gillian Shephard. Why doesn't she ask us why we want to go instead of just hanging up the exits? Simple really . she knows the answers would

be all wrong.
P COURT-HAMPTON (Retired headteacher) Curridge, Berkshire

Sir: So Gillian Shephard is not only going to stop teachers taking early retirement, she is going to punish the sick and reduce them to poverty. She writes: "Teachers are either too ill to teach or they are not." What nonsense! There are many who are not fit enough for full-time work but are able and willing to do some part-time teaching. But no. Teach for one hour and your meagre pension is stopped.
PETER SCOTT

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Drayton, Somerset

Making an opera out of a 'crisis'

Sir. "What we remember is that when Prince William ended up in hospital, after cracking his skult with a gotf club, Prince Charles went off to the opera," writes Jack O'Sullivan ("Dump Camilla and find us a new Queen", 11

January).
The Prince of Wales had guests looking forward to seeing him that night and, knowing that his son was in the hands of doctors and his wife was remaining at the hospital, he made the difficult and brave decision to fulfil the engagement. Prince William recovered and there was no national crisis. LEIGH HATTS London SEI

Sir: Who wants our future king to be holding babies? We have seen quite enough of the insincerity of politicians and Princess Diana kissing babies. Mrs M HOOPER Sutton Coldfield West Midlands

Children at risk

Sir. While it is true that practice in some local authorities can be very poor, the suggestion that the answer is for the NSPCC or Barnardos, valuable agencies as they are, to take responsibility for child protection ignores a number of realities (leading article, 10 Jazuary).

lowest child mortality figures through violence in the developed world (Pritchard): effective child protection practice receives no publicity. The NSPCC does not carry out initial child protection investigations any more. Barnardos, as far as we know, has no experience in child protection

England and Wales has the

work. In nur work as child care consultants we come across a variety of practice, both good and had. The proper response to the bad does not lie in switching responsibility to unaccountable voluniary agencies, hui in better training, management and support for social workers in child protection, and a much more rigorous, hut less mechanistic, monitoring of standards. MICHAEL GRIFFITH-JONES GILL KING London SE5

BSE culprits

Sir: At the same time that the Scottisb butcher named in the E coli outbreak is prosecuted for "culpable and reckless negligence" (report, 11 January). the British government stands accused by a European Parliament draft report of conspiracy and negligence over the BSE issue ("Britain accused of blackmail on BSE", 10 January).

Since the number of New Variant CJD cases is likely far to exceed the E coli deaths, may we please know who is to be prosecuted? MTREADWELL Stockbridge Hampshire

All in a flap over wind theory

Sir. The letter by Andrew Cosgrave ("Wind turbines a threat to climate", 13 January) had me very worried until 1 realised that your staff must have made a mistake; it was meant to be published on 1 April. If I am not mistaken, please advise and I will stop my grandchildren from browning bits of paper with a magnifying glass: such interference may also affect the climate. Or would that produce global cooling, something which is ANDREW SEAGER Whitchurch, Oxfordshire

Sir: Andrew Cosgrove shows a common misunderstanding of chaos theory. Environmental change is caused by global effects, not local nnes. Similarly, an avalanche is caused by the weight of snow. It has chaotic unpredictability because one does not know when or where the avalanche will happen. It could be set off by the flap of a bullerfly's wing. PETE TURLAND Leicester

Sir: Most discussion of renewable (non-fossil) energy sources (Letters, 9, 13 January) seems to limit itself to variable and unpredictable – windpower. Why no discussion of harnessing utterly regular and predictable tidal power? STEPHEN PALFFY Richmond, Surrey

Anglo-Saxons beat the Welsh

Sir: Dr Andrew Breeze (report, 11 January) may or may not be right about Gwenlingt ferch Gruffudd's authorship of The Four Branches of the Mabinogi (I have my doubts about his arguments to date), but it have used to the Private of the Mabinogi of of the either way she is still not "Britain's earliest known woman writer".

That claim may belong to any of five Anglo-Saxon women who composed letters (then a literary genre in its own right) to St Boniface in the eighth century (Ælffled, Egburg, Eangyth, Bugga and Lioba), or to another nun, Berthgyth, who wrote leners and poetry to her distant brother, or to Hugebure, abbess of Heidenheim in Germany, who wrote saints' lives in the 770s. Peter Dronke has studied the work of these women in Women Writers of the Middle Ages, and while their Lam is not as much fun 10 read as Mabinogi, it is well-crafted writing and worthy of notice. Dr THOMAS OWEN CLANCY Department of Celtic University of Glasgow

HAL's birthday Sir: I have just read the article

"Arthur C Clarke's brainchild" (Network, 13 January). Sunday, 12 January is claimed to be the day that HAL, the intelligent computer, "became operational" in the film/book 2001, A Space Odyssey.

I have watched the film again, About 1 hour 40 minutes into the film, while his higher functions are being cut, HAL is heard to say: "Good afternoon, gentlemen. I am a HAL 9000 computer. I became operational at the HAL plant in Urbana, Illinois, on t2 January 1992" - not 1997.

The story underwent numerous rewrites, and the plot varies between the film and the book. Small wonder HAL became psychotic - the first uncertainty it had to deal with was its age. COLVILLE CROOKS Wokingham, Berkshire

Queen of hearts meets the heart of darkness

Paul Vallely tells how small

o what is Diana, Princess of Wales, up to this week, picking her way delicately in her cool white blouse and beige chinos through the dusty red soil and stinking rub-

hish of a Luandan shanty town? There is no doubting her sense of timing. A glance at yesterday's newspapers revealed how masterfully she had up-staged her husband's visit to Edinburgh, following reports that St James's Palace is engaged upon a strategy to repackage the Prince to focus on his public achievements rather than his private life.

She pretty much eclipsed. too, the announcement that the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh are to share their golden wedding anniversary celebrations with 4,000 other couples who have survived 50 years of marriage. And of the Duchess of York's first day working in Los Angeles on a £500,000 TV commercial for a diet drink - an unprecedented royal product endorsement there was little mention.

It was not just the scene, though the public is unused to seeing its favourite fashion icon in such distasteful surroundings. It was also the subject matter. How could her exhusband's daring venture on to Scottish soil - the first royal north of the border since last week's boisterous TV poll in which Scots voted against the monarchy - compete with Lady Di's encounter with representatives of the 70,000 mutilados. the amputees and limbless casualties of the 12 million mines sown, indiscriminately and without markers, in the war-ravaged country which is still the second most heavily mined war zone in the world? (Cambodia is the worst, but her hosts, the Red Cross, thought that was too dangerous a place to take a VIP even one now stripped of her HRH status). How could the Prince's public pronouncements of support for the political establishment's

a world ban on land-mines, which kill or maim 2,000 a month new line on rigorous bornework instruments of "ethnic cleansyesterday compare with the ing". They emptied territory drama of a statement about and created terror. And when the war was over the mines remained. Today there are estimated to be 110 million unex-

ploded mines, scattered over 64

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than 1,900 civilians a month.

Between 5 and 10 million more

a British organisation, the

Mines Advisory Group, formed

two years earlier to assist with

detection, clearance and raising

awareness among children in

Afghanistan, Cambodia and,

later, Kurdistan, came together

with the Vietnam Veterans of

America Foundation to form the International Campaign to

Ban Land-mines. It was a

grandiose name for an organ-

isation that was no more than

a few passionate individuals

with a major task ahead of

Early in 1993 they held a conference in London and

invited representatives from 20

aid agencies including Oxfam,

Unicef, Save the Children,

Christian Aid and Cafod, the

Catholic development agency.

were discovering from our work with refugees," says

Cafod's campaigns co-ordin-ator, Linda Jones. "In Mozam-

bique, Zimbabwe, everywhere

we worked we were finding

that what was keeping refugees

in camps, instead of returning

home, was fear of land-mines."

It chimed in with what we

It was in October 1992 that

are produced each year.

devices which "injure innocent victims"? Such men, women and children, Diana said, "may have played no part whatsoever in civil conflict ... International estimates suggest that up to 2,000 people every month are killed or maimed by mines around the world - that's one person every 20 minutes." Clearly, if Diana has been thwarted in ber professed ambition to he an "ambassador" of some sort she is determined to create a role of some seriousness for herself. But what is as interesting as

Diana's motives for becoming involved is the process that has led to it. Five years ago the idea of banning land-mines was confined to a handful of individuals who had worked on clearing mines in Cambodia, and later Afghanistan, towards the end of the last decade. Today it has attracted the attention of the most high-profile member of the royal family. To anatomise the events that led from one to the other is to uncover a casebook example of the modern campaign phenomenon.

In the proxy conflicts of the Cold War during the Seventies and Eighties mines hecame what napalm had been for the Sixties. Originally designed for use against armies, they increasingly hecame weapons that took their chief toll upon civilians. At first this was by accident, but later by design, as mines were placed to create refugee flow or, as in Bosnia, as

moves to obtain a global ban ran into difficulties at the UN General Assembly when Brit-ain insisted that its high-techcharities enlisted the help of the nology "smart" mines with selfgreat and good to campaign for destruct mechanisms sbonld not be classified with the cheap anti-personnel mines. Campaigners were unimpressed. Experts at the International Red Cross asserted that the mechanisms to make the mines "safe" fail in at least 10 per cent of cases - which is enough to make even a "smart" mine-field

a continuing danger.

The British government insisted that the failure rate was much less. Independent details were bard to come by. The land-mine trade is cloaked in secrecy. Inquiries in Parliament met with curt refusals to disclose information on security grounds. But through the US Freedom of Information Act some intelligence emerged. Mine manufacturers include Daimler Benz in Germany, Fiat in Italy, Bofors in Sweden, Dynamit Nobel in Austria and, in Britain, the now privatised Royal Ordnance, Hunting Eng-ineering Ltd and Thorn EMI Electronics. Such companies were switching to "smart" mines in the belief that they would remain legal after cheaper Third World "dumb" mines were outlawed.

The aid agencies were unconvinced. "But we were not at first persuaded that it was an issue on which we could mobilise the public," says Linda Jones. "Issues surrounding development and the arms industry are notoriously controversial. Then we ran a small stall at the Christian rock festival Greenbelt, at which we asked people to write to their MP about it. It's bard to persuade people to do that. So we were astonished when 600 sat down, there and then, and did it. We realised we had hit upon something which people felt was a hlack-and-white issue." That year the British aid agen-

Several European Union cies set up the UK Working governments were pressing for an international ban. But Group on Landmines and the ball began to roll. Cafod made it the subject of a Month of Action during Lent in 1994. Others outside the church became involved. The British Medical Journal pronounced them a particularly revolting weapon because they drive "dirt, bacteria, clothing and metal and plastic fragments into the tissue causing secondary infections". In Geneva Unicef, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the International Committee of the Red Cross pleaded for a total ban as part of a review of the 1981 UN Inhumane Weapons

In Britain the Government announced a partial export moratorium in response to the mounting international pressure but it refused to include "smart" mines or mines which are dropped from the air. Land-mines were "legitimate defensive weapons" if "responsibly" used. John Major stalled over ratifying the fairly feeble 1981 Inhumane Weapons protocol until the last moment, and then signed only to allow Britain to qualify for a place at In March 1995 Cafod London, Maidstone, York,

the review conference. launched a national campaign Leeds, Sheffield, Cambridge.

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designed to embarrass Britain into backing calls for a comprehensive ban on producing and exporting land-mines. It hrought a young Cambodian who lost both his legs to a landmine to Downing Street to hand in a poignant petition, hearing the signatures of 280,000 of his compatriots. The war has left a land-mine in Cambodia for every man, woman and child, it said. Cardinal Hume wrote to the Prime Minister on the subject. The campaign was also launched in

John Stillwell/PA Birmingham, Exeter, Bristol and Cardiff. Two months later the Pope called for a total ban

on land-mines. In September, on the eve of the intergovernmental review conference in Vienna for the Inhumanc Weapons Convention, Cherie Booth, the Catholic wife of the Labour leader Tony Blair, released thousands of black balloons over the capital, a vigil was held in Westminster cathedral and, as the conference began, Cafod delivered 65,000 protest cards in the shape of bunerfly bombs to the

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Edwin: But it will be the will

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either Blair or Major.

Enough said.

ition took up the issue, and at the Labour Party conference the party's MPs and MEPs set up a mock battlefield on Brighton beach in a campaign to han the production and export of anti-personnel landmines. "Land-mines remain an effective defensive weapon, insisted David Davis, the Forcign Office Minister. "Our own Armed Forces have them and need them. If they had to do without land-mines, our forces would be weakened."

In parliament the Oppos-

But that line of argument was to collapse, too. In March last year, not long after British MPs formed a cross-party group to campaign on mines, the US military announced it was to reconsider its opposition to a worldwide ban. The Gulf War commander, General Norman Schwarzkopf, along with 14 other retired generals. signed an open letter to President Clinton supporting a ban and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, General John Shalikashvili, announced that he was "inclined to eliminate all antipersonnel mines".

One week later a report hy the Red Cross, written by a retired British brigadier, declared that it bad studied 126 recent wars and concluded that "in no case did mines play a major role in determining the outcome of a conflict". The report was hacked by a dozen senior officers, including the Gulf War commander Sir Peter de la Billière and General Sir Hugh Beach, a former Master General of the Ordinance who was chief buyer of weapons for the Army. The military argument for land-mines was "very slender", Beach said.

In April campaigners organised mountains of odd shoes to be piled up in town squares throughout Britain as a reminder of the amputations land-mines caused. The annual assembly of Catholic bishops issued a condemnation. MPs began to sign, in large numbers, an early day motion. On the eve of a second review conference for the 1981 Convention a petition containing 180,000 signatures from British citizens was presented to the Prime Minister by General Sir Hugh Beach and Sir David Puttnam, producer of The Killing Fields.

Celebrities now became involved. At the Hampton Court Flower Show last July Sir Cliff Richard opened a Christian aid "land-mine garden". In October Sally Gunnell, the for-mer Olympic 400m hurdles champion, joined the campaign on the eve of a conference in Ottawa called by the 50 governments who now do support a ban. And now the Diana, Princess of Wales, has been enlisted in the cause after a personal invitation from Lord Attenborough inviting ber to the London international premiere of his latest film. In Love and War, in aid of the Red Cross anti-mine campaign. If seemed an inevitable conclusion. Whatever her motives in coming on board, one of the most adroit manipulators of the British media has joined the opposition. How much longer. you may wonder, can John

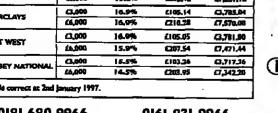


The Princess visits a young land-mine victim in Angola

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At last, the royals' verdict on democracy

Te have had an endless debate among the voters on how well or badly the monarchy is doing, but what about a debate on how well our democracy is doing?

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And today I am bringing you exclusive extracts from an extraordinary TV debate not yet hroadcast - in which members of the Royal Family discuss openly wbether democracy has a future. The chairman is the little-known member of the Dimbleby family, Edwin .. Edwin: Hello. Welcome to a debate which has no precedent in TV history. A debate in which the Royal Family at last casts aside the cloak of impartiality in which it has been clothed for hundreds of years and .. Duke of Edinburgh: Oh, get on with it, you wittering windbagl

Edwin: Precisely. Let us go

first to a lady who wishes only

to be known by her code name, EHR. What do you think of democracy in Britain today, Ma'am? EIIR: I think it would be a very good idea. Cheers and laughter.
Edwin: Would you like to enlarge on that? EUR: Certainly. The idea of parliamentary democracy is meant to be that everyone in the country is represented in Parliament, that a member of

elected as obedient slaves of one or other of the main two parties. Nor does either party bave as much power as they inefficient government doing a great many things against the popular will. If that is democracy, then I am a The tendency of the present crypto-Stalinist. Edwin: But surely this is the create miniature monarchies government that the people all over Britain, monarchies which, I may say, bave none Dake: More fool them. Edwin: But isn't democracy grandeur that we have. To say all about letting the people choose their own representatives? meaning of the word beyond Dake: Not at all. Democracy is about giving the people Dake: I think she's right. At two unacceptable and unlikely alternatives and

asking them to choose the



Miles Kington

excited about football and think McDonald's hamburgers are great. Do you think their ideas on politics are any more advanced? Edwin: Isn't that a bit élitist? Duke: No. I think it's very élitist. A bit more élitism wouldn't do any harm. Charles: I think what my father is trying to say ... Dake: Don't tell me what I'm trying to say! Edwin: Let's bear from Prince Charles ... Charles: Thank you. Duke: And go easy on the Laurens van der Post quotes. Edwin: No, please let him speak. Charles: Thank you, Well, all

I want to say is that if people think the monarchy is slipping, they should take a look at themselves first. It is

not the monarchy that produces violent films, or indulges in road rage, or sells arms to Iraq, or ignores the Scott report. It is not the monarchy that produces trashy tabloid newspapers, or leaves the railways in crisis, or gets the country in deht. It is not the monarchy that - in 1997 - still doesn't know what to do about the millennium. It is not monarchy that is misgoverning this country! Edwin: These are strong

Charles: I feel strongly. And as a farmer, I feel very strongly that the Government is in the dock over BSE. Only this week we have heard that Brussels is thinking of prosecuting Douglas Hogg for negligence and mishandling of the beef crisis. That sound you can bear is the approving roar from thousands of British farmers. If we have come to a state where only Brussels can tell the Tories what they have done wrong, what price

An intriguing debate, I think you'll agree. More of it some other time, perhaps.

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Local radio? Why not news from your own street?

he last London radio licence will be awarded tomorrow by the Radio Authority. The capital is not exactly holding its breath with excitement: we have 14 Londonwide stations already. What is the point? But here they are missing a remarkable opportunity for the renaissance of democracy in a great city.

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The winner is tikely to be yet another music station, and whatever it promises, it will probably end up playing middle-of-the-road something or other. You might think there was plenty of room for 15 radio stations for different niches and interests. But nicbe radio in the capital has fallen on its face after the disastrous flop of Viva!, the feminist chie station; and Premier, the daft Christian station, sank to only 1 per cent audience share. Money is made in the mainstream.

So the Radio Authority is expected to he unadventurous with this last licence (which costs only some £70,00tt - this is not an auction). Not much hope for the French language station for "francophones and francophiles" - such a rare hreed, they might be cheaper to contact by phone. Nor for two children's stations, since the last lot of children to gather round the hakelite set for Uncle Mac and Children's Hour ("Are you sitting comfortably?") are now the target audience for another bidder, Saga, for the oldies. Nor for the gay and lesbian hidder; the idea that sexual orientation dictates musical taste seems a bit insultingly determinist.

So what does London really need? What could the Radio Authority do? It could split the licence into at least 12 small stations and offer them to local community groups, Audiences might be small, but at least London would get a service it desperately needs.

The nation grambles resentfully about its capital: we who live in London have it all. We suck investment, prestige projects and national attention away from the poor, benighted provinces. The irony is that London is worse governed and worse informed about its governance than any other part of the land. It has virtually no good local newspapers: the capital-wide dividing the city up into four quarters, are to Evening Standard is in effect a national. Where I live in Lambeth, one so-called local paper covssal boroughs, each omy the size of a Third World nation, so it Bexley - so, instead, the authority should divide cannot report much on each council's committees and planning decisions.

London local government gets little scrutiny, until some scandal is big enough to hit the nationals. In a downward spiral, fewer able people participate, fewer citizens scrutinise. Local government is in decline partly because the local press bas often given up reporting it properly. The less it is reported, the less interested people become. Though there remain good papers in some cities, most of London is intelligent reporter time, digging, under- communives?



Poliy Toynbee

Politicians rack their brains about how to create a sense of community in big cities. Radio could give us a stronger sense of

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standing and writing relatively unsensational stories. But covering crime is din cheap, with the police and the courts spoon-feeding shock-borror stories that make quick, easy frontpage splashes.

There is nothing "London" about these radio licence bids hecause there is no "London" identity. I, living in Lambeth, have as much or as little interest in what happens in Harrow-on-the-Hill as I have in events in Dumfries. The BBC's dire South-East News on television displays the problem at its most extreme. There is nothing more boring than other people's local news from other parts of the region - a fire in Oxford or a crime in Kent. What people want is very local news, not regional news. If it happens in your high street, to people you know, at a school your children once attended, or a shop you use, then almost any trivial event takes on a special interest. If you hear your own councillor from your own ward, you may sit up and listen - and even remember their name.

These days policy-makers rack their brains about how to create a sense of community in sprawling urban cityscapes.

Most of us choose to live in cities in order to escape being trapped in some tiny, claustrophobic community. We prefer to hulld our own community around us from the rich choice of friends available in a metropolis - and they are rarely our physical neighbours. And yet we still also yearn for some kind of attachment to place, espe-

cially those who bave children in a local school, and retired people who spend more time within the purlieus of their district. Neighbourhood is unlikely to define and confine most city-dwellers and yet most would like a stronger sense of belonging. Community radio is never going to solve all the problems of urban alienation, but it could make an important contribution. Even if it never got big ratings, it would provide a focal point for local activists and scrutiny for local government.

The Radio Authority has one last chance to make it happen. Four final smaller licences, be banded out shortly. A quarter of London is almost as meaningless an entity as the whole isworth cares not a fig what goes on it these last bits into the smallest fragments their engineers can devise and advertise them for local groups. To be sure, the local groups would have to raise the money: the National Lottery may belp, since the Government refused to set up a community radio fund in the Broadcasting Bill last year. But with some local advertising revenue as well, they could thrive.

And if the Radio Authority will not, then why doesn't the BBC abandon its pointless. low-rating Greater London Radio station, poorly served. Covering council meetings and committees is expensive: it requires bours of money spent on it) to a myriad local London



o it is to be - surprise, surprise - a ''presi-dential election''. John Major is his party's greatest asset and will be giving presidential press conferences, reveals Conservative Central Office. Half a mile away, in Labour's Mill-bank Tower, it is axiomatic that new Labour and Tony Blair

are more or less the same thing, Thus, for the next few months, numerous highly-paid and creative people will be trying to persuade the electorate that politics can be resolved into a contest hetween two opposite personalities. A primeval story of light and dark, protector and destroyer, will be spun. Blair or Major - the

nation decides, This is both crass and constitutionally impertinent. Yet leadership matters, bugely, and it is worth examining the psycho-politics that is breaking around are only two basic statements being made; and they are both actions after it. He is a highly very basic indeed. John Major is honest: Tony

This is perhaps the fundamental "presidential" Conservative message. The choice of Major's eyes in recent Tory posters, with slogans beginning "As promised ..." was an example of the strategists' Honest John - quiet, gutsy, straight. It plays to Major's Middle-English gawkiness. You may smile

Blair is slippery.

That's about the level we can expect in this campaign. Both men deserve better, says Andrew Marr

Blair, meanwhile, is to be regarded as Tricky Tony, a man not quite ringing true. This connects the unknown quantity that new Labour still is, to the perception among some voters that Blair is a man who smiles too much, who is trying too hard to please and who cannot therefore be trusted.

These are potent and important messages, however crude. And yet there is no evidence to back up the distinction at all. Major has a record of saying different things to different people on Europe - understandable, given the strains in the party, but also wily behaviour, even sinuous. His rhetoric about us. It need not take long. There taxes in the 1992 election was conscious and artful phrase-juggler - and Honest John is quite prepared to fight dirty. On the other hand be can be just as smoothly charming as the Labour leader, Major doing some serious schmoozing has tn

be seen to be believed. Tony Blair, meanwhile, has been unusually frank for a leading politician. There are very important gaps to be filled in, notably on tax and voting at him, is the implication; but reform. But Blair bas made a when you do, you are smiling fetish of promising only a mod-

partly at yourself, at England's est agenda. In recent years, he hasn't changed his mind on virtues made flesb. est agenda. In recent years, he hasn't changed his mind on anything important. Given bis determination to promise nothing he cannot deliver, it is one of the minor mysteries of poli-tics that this basically straightforward, open man is seen by some as shifty and untrustwor-

thy - even "smarmy".

Partly, it is the venom of those who have been ruthlessly excluded by the modernisers. Leo Abse both an old socialist and an old Freudian, has been the harshest single critic of Blair's smiling image, variously describing the Labour leader as possessing "an over-ready, winsome boy smile", as being "androgynous" and practising "the politics of perversion". Worse still, as Abse shrewdly points out, he likes rock music.

This is silly, savage stuff which ells us more about Abse than Blair. But it is a good example of the psychological warfare that presidential-style politics can degenerate into. It is not yet a capital crime to grin; and to draw a contrast between the Prime Minister and the Labour leader on the basis of honesty versus smiling insincerity is, so far as I can see, mere booey. What, though, of Labour's

counter-charge? Blair is tough, and a winner: Major is weak and a loser This is, in essence, the

inated his premiership and is the main evidence for the weak-ness that Blair identifies as Major's failing.
Rightly but would Tony Blair
be very different? He has Blairite answer to the Tory

character-assassins and is

about as accurate. It is certainly

true that Blair is tough, and has

reformed his party more radi-

cally than many others would bave dared to do. But Major is

a hard case too. He has been

in power for six years, manag-

ing a fissiparous and disloyal

party; his personal performance in 1992 had a lot to do

with the Tories' election victory

then. He is, in short, a strange

Is Major weak in a way that Blair isn't? He certainly found

press attacks horribly burtful

but to be lampooned day after

day and remain cheerful - as he

now can - is not something the

average citizen could manage.

Major possesses awesome self-

control but is a very emotional

man who has always been

and genuinely thinks himself badly underrated. Yet the years

bave covered him with thick.

barely penetrable emotional

scar tissue and fed his basic,

weakness. Early on in his pre-

miership, it is true that Major

gave the Tory factions on

Europe the clear and damaging

message that be could he suc-

cessfully bullied. This did more than anything else to feed the anti-EU revolt which has dom-

There is another kind of

burning self-belief.

sort of loser.

Major's example to learn from, In opposition, Blair has led ruthlessly and at times almost recklessly from the front. He brims with optimism and energy. But office and opposition are different - a Labour government will also have its factions and its dissident min-isters and Blair's ability to achieve compromise may yet be as much in demand as Major's.

Blair and Major are separated, of course, by a lot - by political agendas, age and experience. But they are much more alike as political personalities than either would willingly admit. Knowing both of them at least a little, I conclude that no simple distinction between the trustworthy one and the slippery one, or the tough one and the weak one, is anything - the soap opera of the election boardings

In different ways, the two big parties are both lucky in their leaders. We should judge Blair and Major on their policies, their promises and, insofar as we can, their records. But when Conservative Central Office or the Labour spin-doctors try to sell us the 1997 election as a Manichean contest between two wildly different personalities we should reject it with contempt, as a fraud.

Greeks, stop bearing grudges

An arms race with Turkey is no way forward for Greece, argues George Kassimeris

bere is loud talk of the "Turkish threat" in Greece today and a great deal of it. Ever since the quarrel last year with Turkey over the deserted Aegean islets of Imia, which brought the two Nato allies very close to war for the first time in a decade. Greece's psychological temperature and blood-pressure bave been running high. Leading articles and media interviews and discussions bave endlessly circled the same question: "How are we to stop those vicious, expansionist Turks from washing their boots in the warm waters of our Aegean islands?" This, of course, is not a new question. And today's tensions between Turkey and Greece over missiles in Cyprus are just the latest episode. All nations are afflicted with a deep sense of

their past; the Greeks, however, are prisoners to theirs. Chained to a history that refuses to go away, they have never come to terms with their defeats and occupation under the Ottoman Turks. The mere fact that many ordinary Greek people - 544 years on - are still fantasising about the recapture of Constantinople and the refounding of the Byzantine Empire in Asia Minor clearly shows the depth of our wounded sense of nationhood.

It is scarcely a surprise, then, that the 1974 Turkish invasion and occupation of northern Cyprus made sure that the numerous resentments, prejudices and traumas of the past reasserted themselves. The attack on Cyprus, while it precipitated the collapse of the colonels' fascist regime, also exposed Greece's manifest incompetence to defend its national territory and thus brought back bitter memories of a nation in deep retreat. Worse still, the pathetic attempts by Nato and the UN to break the deadlock merely reinforced Greece's outrage towards her Western partners and deepened her insecurity in the region. This partly explains why Greeks have come to see themselves as a brotherless nation more often betrayed than

supported by their allies. In the early years of metapoliteisi (the 1974 transition to democracy), the Greeks were obsessed by restoring their national credibility and independence of action. Predictably, the process of democratic consolidation was played out against a background of continuing tension with Turkey and the Atlantic Alliance. The Karamanlis government's tactical move to take Greece out of the military wing of Nato's command structure is a strong case in point. At the same time,



mier, waged a campaign pushing for Greek entry into the European Community. This was seen as a political umbrella that could safeguard the country's young democratic institutions from internal enemies and its territorial integrity from external threats. At a deeper level, however, Karamanlis had hoped that full economic and political interaction with the other member states would eventually cure his countrymen of their traditional assumption that Greece is the centre of the world and, therefore, a top priority on every major country's foreign policy agenda.

Then, in 1981, came Andreas Papandreou, the country's first socialist prime minister, who took anti-Westernism to xenophobic extremes. Declaring that "Greece belongs to the Greeks", Papandreou turned anti-Westernism into a national mantra, threatening several times to pull Greece out of every single organisation to which she belonged. Although none of these threats ever materialised, Papandreou's rhetorical violence and anti-American, anti-EC, anti-Nato, anti-Turkish polemics fulfilled the psychological need for recognition and offered security, national idenuty and pride to a confused and anxious people, increasingly unsure of their place in the world.

Konstantinos Karamanlis, the first post-junta pre- history through demagogic fireworks and vendetta politics. Greece drifted into economic and social depression. The search for national grandeur brought instead economic stagnation, urban deterioration, terrorism and corruption at every

> The country entered the 1990s as the European Union's most intractable problem. Worse still, the collapse of the satellite Communist regimes of Eastern Europe and the subsequent disintegration of the Soviet Union weakened Greece's geostrategic significance for the West, thus under-mining its eligibility for the special treatment and financial support it enjoyed when the country was a front-line state in the Cold War.

The Yugoslav crisis arrived like a deus ex machina: a unique opportunity for Greece to cut a figure on the post-Cold War international stage. The most stable, democratic and ethnically homogeneous Balkan state, a member of both the EU and Nato, Greece was ideally placed to act as a force of stability in the region and thus become its economic and political leader. Instead, Greece not only managed to pick fights with all its Balkan neighbours, but its paranoid fears over the alleged long-term expansionist ambitions of small and weak Macedonia, coupled with diplo-But while the Greeks tried to overcome their matic ineptitude, seriously threatened, for a

time, the stability of south-eastern Europe as a

The damage done is there for all to see. The us-against-the-rest-of-the-world attitude has led to Greece being treated more often as a leper than as a friend. And for years now, domestically, it has been less important to get the deficit under control, fill the holes in the budget, tackle high unemployment, resist tax evasion, defeat corruption, and increase the status and credibility of our country than it has been to postpone the moment when each of these might be confronted.

The election of Costas Simitis as Prime Min-ister last September was a considerable step forward. Simitis is a man of great intelligence, energy and political depth, not a man to confuse feeling with doing. Yet his government's intention of spending, over the next five years, the astronomical sum of approximately £8bn (£11bn in total by the year 2007) on new weapons purchased in response to what it sees as a growing Turkish military threat in the Aegean, gives a strong indication that the larger political picture has remained unchanged. The chronic failure of Greece's political class to overcome its parochialism and narrow obsession with external "enemies" continues to block the route forward.

One cannot choose one's neighbours. Rightly or wrongly, Turkey is, and always will be, our neighbour. Running a full-scale arms race with Turkey in the name of national security and pauriotism means running away from European economic and monetary union for at least a decade. There is absolutely nothing patriotic about a country permanently locked in a spiral of stagnation, debt and low growth or in further undermining our already depressed social and cultural institutions, our schools and hospitals.

Today the premier challenge facing Greece, the poorest member of the EU with the worst record on inflation and a colossal national debt, is not to redress the military balance with a country that is five times larger in size and population and with armed forces about four times more numerous than our own. The challenge is to revitalise its economy, modernise its anachronistic institutions. revive its discredited political culture and reach a level where it can start putting something back into a Europe that has given her so much and for so long. A modern, economically viable, forwardlooking, European Greece has nothing to fear. Not from Turkey or anybody else.

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Home Language Learning, Freepost AFH17 Manchester MI 8DJ Call Free 0800 856 2012 had the impression that deep

down Borthwick felt the Earl

Home, let alone the House of

Windsor, was somewhat nou-

veau compared to his lineage.

in the House of Lords on 5 No-

vember 1987 during the Farm-

land and Rural Development

Bill, offering a very constructive view of wool farmers, in the light

of his experience as a long-

serving member of the Scottish

Livestock Export Group and the Wool Marketing Board (1966-87), about which he continued

to make sensible contributions

into his late eighties. Borthwick was a modest man

He made his maiden speech

Lord Borthwick

Among the businessmen and parliamentary regulars of the Monday Edinburgh-to-London British Airways shuttle there develops a certain camaraderie. In the mid-1980s there was added to our number an octogenarian but agile figure wearing a Gunners' tic. a waxmoustached Colonel Blimp, alheit always with an unlikely rucksack over his shoulder. This was the sheep farmer John Henry Stuart Borthwick of that Ilk. 23rd Lord Borthwick, Baron of Heriotmuir, 17th Laird of Crookston, Hereditary Royal Falconer of Scotland, and for three years, 1970-72, the highly regarded president of the West Lothian and Midlothian area of the National Farmers' Union, on his way to and fro to serve his country - and the Conservative Party - in the House

He had been born in Borthwick Castle - a member of a secondary line of the family where the Borthwick utle could be traced back to 1410; here



Mary, Queen of Scotland and her husband the Earl of Bothwell had sought sanctuary from the Scottish nobles. Borthwick was born in what purported to he the room of Mary Queen of Scots and was christened Stuart after the Royal House. In 1963, when I was a newly

nent member of the local NFU. I told him cheerily that I had gone to campaign against his friend Sir Alec Douglas-Home in the Perth and Kinross byelection. Half jokingly but, I sensed, wholly in earnest, he said: "Tell that fella Wilson that Alec may be the 14th Earl of Home, hut I am really entitled to be the 23rd Lord Borthwick!" It was to be another quarter of a century hefore, in 1986, he finally established his claim, thanks to the genealogist Hugh Peskett (once described as "the Sherlock Holmes of the family tree"), who discovered key documents in a cardboard box beneath the billiard table at Crookston House, on the Borthwick estate. In 1986 the Lord Lyon, Scotland's regulator of titles and honours, ruled that John Borthwick had proved his right as heir male

about his distinguished war of the body of William, first Lord Borthwick, to the armorrecord, in which he saw action from Normandy to the Rhine ial rights and peerage title".

The title was now live again crossing with the Royal Artillery. For 40 years he was acfor the first time aince 1910, tive on behalf of the Normandy

completing a link with Borth- Veterans Association, of which wicks who escorted St Margaret he was the patron for Scotland. of Hungary to Edinhurgh for After hostilities ended he her marriage to Malcolm Can-

was Lieutenant-Colonel GS01 with the control commission more in 1069 and to the ownership of Borthwick Castle. I and was in charge of the district of Nordrhein Westphalen. "History has it," he said,

that humbling British hrigadiers, like John Barraclough, who was the commander of the military government of Nordrhein province, and crazy colonels like myself, were sil-ly blithering idiots who sacked the Burgermeister of Cologne for in-subordination and incompetence. And that, had we not done so, Kon-rad Adenauer would not have gone

rad Adenauer would not have gone into Federal politics and become Chancellor of Germany.

I was one of those who helped John Barradough draft the famous letter of 6 October 1945 to Herr Oberburgermeister Dr H.C.K. Adenaner, Allianz Buildings, Cologne.

The 12 points in the letter

We'le:

I can not satisfied with the progress which has been made in Cologne in connection with the repair of buildings and the clearance of the streets and the general task of preparing for the coming winter.

About two mouths ago I personally wanted you of your responsibilities in connection with this work. You have not ful-

filled those responsibilities to my suis-faction. I am fully aware of the difficulties with which you have had to contend. I know that many of your colleagues have been re-moved for political reasons. I know the dif-ficulties in connection with the labour situation in Cologne. I am fully after to the position with regard to communication, shortage of coal, shortage of transport et cetera et cetera.

3.1 am however convinced that, with prop-er supervision and energy on your part.

5.1 am however convened that, with proper supervision and energy on your part, more could have been done to deal with these problems than has, in fact, been done. 4. In my opinion you have falled in your dury to the people of Cologne.
5. You are therefore dismissed today from your oppointment as Oberburgermeister of Cologne.

your appointment as Oberburgermeister of Cologne.

6 You will leave Cologne as soon as possible, and in any case not later them 14 October.

7. You will immediately hand over the duries of Oberburgermeister of Cologne, Herr Suth.

8. Herr Suth will carry out the duties of Oberburgermeister of Cologne, Herr Suth.

8. Herr Suth will carry out the duties of Oberburgermeister of Cologne as a temporary measure pending the appointment of an Oberburgermeister.

9. After you have bunded over to Herr Suth you will take no further part in the administration or public life of Cologne or any other part of the Nordrheim province.

18. You will not include cather duredly or indirectly in any political activity whatever.

11. If you fail in any respect to observe the instructions contained in this letter, you will be brought to rial by the military court.

12. You will acknowledge receipt of the letter hereon.

Adenauer said in his mem-

I was asked to sign the original of this letter to confirm receipt. Asked whether I had any remarks to make, 1 said "No" and left the room.

The decisive passage of this letter of dismissal was point 10, You will not indulge either directly or indirectly in any political activity whatever." Many years later when Adenauer was Federal Chancellor he met John Barraclough at a state banquet.

Barraclough asked me, "What did you really think when you got your letter of dismissal?" I replied, "I have a file 'Dismissal by the Nazis' at home. I will now start a file 'Dismissal by the Liberators'."

Adenauer's memoirs tend to bear out what Borthwick told me with charming selfdeprecation, adding that he did not pretend, nor did his friend John Barraclough, to be very bright. But, that is only one side of the story. The truth is that the sly, cunning fox was so damned difficult that he pushed us into

Adenauer had a scheme all along. He positively wanted us to sack him so he could say, 'I'm no stooge of the conquerors of Germany - the British have dismissed me as your Burgermeister for standing up for the folk of Cologne. I am the man to lead

the Christian Democrats." Borthwick was convinced that Adenauer knew exactly what he was doing all along. Borthwick was a shrewd old boy and convinced me that in this matter he was probably right. And few letters can have had such a consequential effect on European history in the 20th century.

John Henry Stuart Borthwick, farmer and soldier: born Borthwick, Midlothian 13 September 1905; succeeded 1937 as 23rd Lord Borthwick (claim to Lordship admitted by Lord Lyon 1986); married 1938 Margaret Cormack (died 1976; two sons); died Borthwick 30 December writing that letter. You see, 1996.

Sean Rice

elected MP and be was a promi-

Sean Rice was a highly accomplished Liverpool sculptor whose imaginative interpretation of traditional religious or mythic themes was highlighted by the recent installation at Liverpool's Roman Catholic Cathedral of Rice's 14 sculptures for the Stations of the Cross. Commissioned by Bish-op Derek Worlock, this last work has a similar poignancy to Elisabeth Frink's figure of Christ, installed shortly before her death above the entrance to the Anglican Cathedral at the opposite end of Hope Street.

Unlike Arthur Dooley, another renowned Merseyside sculptor who produced sculp-ture for churches, Rice was a highly trained artisan from an academic hackground. That background gave him an as-tonishing technical virtuosity; the individuality of his style is hased on a superb mastery of casting, welding and forging techniques. He often used multivarious metals in the same piece, fabricating them in a way that produced extraordinary figurative detail, replacing the hard and seemingly intractable nature of metal with a feeling of effortless malleability of materials.

Rice was horn in London in 1931. He spent the war years in Brighton, where he later began art studies under the sculptor James Woodford RA. Like so many sculptors, Rice started off as a painter but Woodford creator of the Rohin Hood monument in Nottingham encouraged his growing inter- note. est in mythic themes and

symbolic forms. This direction was further encouraged by the sculptor Mau-

between 1951 and 1953 at the Royal Academy Schools in London. Lambert's penchant for animals, hirds and mythic figures undoubtedly influenced Rice's choice of similar subject matter. Their techniques may have differed but Lambert's celebrated Pegasus - which Rice encountered at the 1951 Festival of Britain - encouraged the baroque fantasy and overflowing symbolic detail that would also come to characterise Rice's mature work. His 17ft fountain (1972) for the Atlantic Tower Hotel near Liverpool's Albert Dock, for example - a totemic aviary of ascending hirds -closely recalls Lambert's Aen-gus and the Birds. Rice's interest in the relationship of the animal and human worlds is witnessed in another large com-mission, Noah and the Four Winds, installed at Chester Zoo

Another major influence on Rice's development was Italy, which he discovered on a motorcycle soon after graduating from the Academy Schools.
In awe of classical architecture and Italian mannerist sculpture, he subsequently visited Italy annually, enjoying the landscape as much as the churches, and producing sensitive watercolours. He also met leading Italian artists like the realist painter Renato Guttuso and the Vatican sculptor Manzù, both of whom - along with Picasso – tempered the visionary quality of Rice's work by introducing a more earthy

This other side of Rice's sensibility caused him to render harrowing or menacing images of motorcycle riders - the elabrice Lambert, who taught Rice orate welded structures of

scraps and metal offcuts clear-ly identifying with the engi-neering of the real thing – or of paramilitary riot police, com-plete with helmets, shields and batons. An interest in the theme of civil disturbance introduced a secular as well as local note, since the 1981 Toxteth riots had occurred near Rice's home in the north Liverpool suburb of Walton.

It was in the unlikely context of his terraced house in the shadow of Goodison Park football ground that Rice installed a bronze foundry and metal workshop, enabling him to undertake large-scale commis-sions. After a distinguished teaching career in the sculpture department of Liverpool College of Art, Rice decided in 1980 to devote all his energies to making sculpture, a hrave move made possible by the commercial success he achieved through regular exhibitions at the Alwin Gallery, London.

Rice's sculptures of Old Testament or mythic figures were larger than life in more ways than one. He had a keen, even humorous, poetic sense as well as an unrivalled feeling for the expressive potential of metals. One associates welded sculpture with the abstract structures and "sculpitecture" of Anthony Caro - a student with Rice at the Royal Academy - hut in Sean Rice's capable hands such a medium was put to more

Peter Davies

Brian Sean Rice, sculptor: born Heston, Middlesex 5 November 1931; Senior Lecturer, Liverpool College of Art 1967-80; married (two sons, one daughter); died Liverpool 4 Jonuary 1997.



Symbolic: Shimei, forged and welded plate bronze by Rice, 1978

Rudolf Nassauer



Rudolf Nassauer was an underrated writer whose most important work, The Hooligan, the first in-depth analysis of Nazi psychology, became a Sixties cult book.

He was born in Frankfurt in 1924 into a prosperous family of Jewish wine merchants. After Kristallnacht, on 9-10 November 1938, his father and sister fled to London, leaving the young Rudi and his mother to settle their affairs. Frau Nassauer was unacquainted with business, and the adolescent Rudi had to deal with the Nazis on the family's behalf.

Shortly afterwards, he and his mother also came to England. Rudi had to learn English in order to complete his education, which he did at St Paul's School. While it was always his ambition to become a writer, he entered the family wine husiness, Nassauer Bros, which, after the war,

specialised in German wines. In 1947 he married Bernice Rubens. Together they cultivated the friendship of writers and intellectuals, many of them their neighbours in Hampstead. Among these were Elias Caletti, Peter Vansitart and Angus Wilson. During this period, while continuing to work as a wine merchant, Nassauer wrote in his spare time. In the late 1950s, the manuscript of his first novel, The

worked for 10 years, was suhmitted to publishers. After numerous rejections, it was shown to me. I accepted it at once and it was published in 1960.

It was launched to a fanfare

of praise: Iris Murdoch called it "a most distinguished and important book", Elias Canetti found in it "the first presentation of a Nazi that belongs to literature . . . every page is as profound as it is exciting". The Hooligan quickly went to a second edition and was later translated into German and Italian. It was followed by The Cuckoo in 1962, a painful dissection of a failing marital relationship.

Had his German education not been interrupted, Nassauer might well have become a major European writer. As it was, forced to adjust to writing English, he never really fulfilled hispromise. Apart from The Hoolin, his most significant work was his last, Kramer's Goats (1986), in which he returned to a dis-

section of his European roots. After Bernice's debut as a writer in 1960, and her winning the Booker Prize with The Elected Member (1969), some rivalry occurred between herself and Rudi, and they eventually divorced, although they remained "best friends".

After the death of his father

coming a close friend of the painter Paula Rego.

in the 1960s. Nassauer continued to run the family wine husiness until it collapsed some years later. Subsequently he hecame a director of the wine merchants Ehrmann's, where he worked until retiring in 1991. He was also very interested in modem art, and acted as patron to a number of young artists, be-

Peter Owen Rudolf Nassauer, writer and wine merchant: born Frankfurt 8 November 1924; married 1947 Bernice Rubens (one son, two daughters; marriage dissolved);

George Lazarus

George Lazarus was a passionate collector in three fields: Dutch painting, imperial jade and, principally, modern rare books and manuscripts. He as-sembled the finest collection of the works of D.H. Lawrence in private hands, a collection bequeathed to Nottingham University where Lawrence had become, in his own words. "cash-chemically BSc" (the reference being to Boot's, cash-chemists, whose founder, Jesse Boot, was an early benefactor

of the university). Educated at Marlborough and Caius College, Cambridge, where he read Modern Languages, Lazarus came down in 1925 to join the family business, Lazarus Brothers, jobbers on the London Stock Exchange, leading the market in gold mining shares. He was to go on to become senior partner.

He had begun collecting books as an undergraduate and now he set about building a collection based on serious fiction of the 20th century. There were two hasic criteria: authors had to have produced work which gave him personal satisfaction and a conviction that it was of permanent value. Fashion and the opinion of professional critics were totally disregarded.

In the earliest days Lazarus sought H.G. Wells's first editions as well as those of Galsworthy. Lawrence was soon added. By the mid-1950s some were represente including E.M. Forster, Aldous Huxley and Somerset Maugham. Women writers included Elizabeth Bowen, Constance Holme, Mary Wehh. Virginia Woolf: Irish, Sean O'Casey. Frank O'Connor, Sean O'Faolain; Americans, William Faulkner and John Steinbeck. Lazarus bought the works of almost all these before their reputations were firmly established.

In each case he sought fine copies of the first editions of every work in the author's canon and then to reinforce the sets of printed work with letters and manuscripts. In the fashion of his day he was disdainful of dust-jackets, which collectors

now regard as de rigueur. His work in the City leaving him little time to indulge his collecting hobbies, he chose to huy through one carefully selected specialist dealer in each field,. He would ask for advice. There would be discussion. But the eventual decision would always be George Lazarus's own. The mere availability of funds never meant that items were bought regardless of price. died London 5 December 1996. Pressures of space brought

about the continuing refinement of the library, author collections being sold to leave room for concentration of his chief aim, the perfecting of his D.H. Lawrence collection. The high spot of this probably remains the manuscript of Lawrence's first novel, The White Peacock.

Lazarus was one of the first private collectors to huy the manuscripts of contemporary writers. He bought stories, he hought poems; he seized every opportunity of buying letters with significant texts, amassing more than 150 Lawrence pieces addressed to 27 different correspondents.

A handsome man, immaculately turned out, George Lazarus was blessed with an agile mind and appeared to make de-cisions easily. During the Sec-



ond World War the Royal Air Force made use of these qualities, employing him first in Great Britain and then for three years in the Middle East, plotting and directing the movements of fighter squadrons. He rose to the rank of squadron leader.

He saw all problems in terms of hlack and white: for him there were no greys. A generous and loyal friend, he never suffered fools gladly: in fact he scarcely suffered them at all.

In later years his failing eye sight made it difficult to read, but he was devoted to his beautiful garden in Buckinghamshire and retained a lively interest in cricket and in sport generally. His views on the performance of the English cricket team in Zimbabwe at the end of last year are best left unrecorded.

Anthony Rota

George Louis Lazarus, stockjobber and collector: born London 15 March 1904; twice married (one son, one stepdaughter, and one son deceased); died Henleyon-Thames 11 January 1997.

Births, Marriages & Deaths

DEATHS

FALK: Stephen John ("Toby"), 54 years, on 10 January. Loved husband of Gael, father of Tamarind Cordelia, son of Katharine and John. Funeral at 2pm on 24 January at 51 Mary's Church, Blenchingley, Surrey, Family flowers only but donations please to the much-appreciated Marie Curie Harestone Hospice, Caterham CR3 6YQ. Memorial service in London to be announced fater.

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MAGILL: (Charles Philip) "Peter", died peacefully on Friday 10 January 1997, aged 86 years. Professor of Ger-man. University College of Wales, Aberystwyth 1952-71. Funeral service (family only) at Croydon Crematori-um on Monday 20 January at 12.15pm. Donations in lieu of flow-ers for Imperial Convert Research ers for Imperial Cancer Research Fund, to PO Box 123, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PX. A memorial service will be held later in

WANAMAKER: Charlotte, loving wife of the late Sam Wanamaker CBE and mother of Abby, Zoë and Jessica, died on 13 January after a short illness at University College Hospital, London. Family funeral only. No flowers, do-nations to the Shakespeare Globe Trust. Bear Gardens, London SEt

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J. Æ. S. Lumley and Miss L. Griffin

The engagement is announced between James Æneas Sebastian, son of Mr Michael Claydon and Mrs Siephen Barlow, both of London, and Louise, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Griffin, of Wootton, Isle of Wight.

Birthdays

Princess Michael of Kent, 52; Mrs Margaret Beckett MP, 54; Mr Chuck Berry, singer, 7t; Mr Frank Bough, television presenter, 64; Mr Lloyd Bridges, actor, 84: Sir Neil Cossons, director of the Science Museum, 58; Lord Dacre of Glanton, historian and former Master of Peterhouse, Cambridge, 83; Miss Jane Drabble, Director of Education, BBC, 50: Dame Mary Hogg QC, High Court judge, 50; Sir John Junor, former Editor of the Sunday Express, 78; Mr Melvin J. Lasky, former editor and publishct of Encounter. 77; Professor Peter Maitlis, Professor of Chemistry, Sheffield University, 64; Sir Thomas Morison, High Court judge, 58; Miss Margaret O'Brien, actress, 60; Miss

ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS

Maria Schell, actruss, 71; Lord Simon of Glaisdale, former Lord of Appeal in Ordinary, 86; Sir John Smith QC, Emeritus Professor of Law, Not-tingham University, 75; Mr Frank Thornton, actor and comedian, 76; Sir John Wordie, barrister, 73.

Anniversaries Sirths: Molière (Jean-Baptiste Po-quelin), baptised 1622; Mazo de la

Roche, writer, 1885; David tvor Novello (Davies), actor, composer and director, 1893; Aristotle Onassis. shipowner, 1906: Martin Luther King, black civil rights leader, 1929. Deaths: Emma. Lady Hamilton (Lyon), mistress to Lord Nelson, 1815; Jack (Weldon Leo) Tengarden, jazz musician, vocalist and bandleader, 1964; Daisy (Margaret Mary Julia) Ashford (Mrs James Devlin), author of The Young Visiters. 1972. On this day: the Act of Supremacy was passed in England, 1535; the British Museum opened in London, 1759; following a severe London frost, more than 40 people died when ice on the Regent's Park lake gave way, 1867. Today is the Feast Day of St Bonitus or Bonet, St Ceolwulf, St Isidore of Alexandria, St Ita, St John Calybines and St Macarius the

artemb the British Apparel Export Awards and Du nex at the Royal Lancacter Hotel, Conden W? Changing of the Guard

Obligations to employees transferred to new employer v Cook and others; Employment

Appeal Tribunal (Mr Justice Morison, Mrs M.E. Sunderland Mr R. Jackson) 13 December 1996

For an employer's obligations under the employment contracts of its employees to be transferred to the new owner of its business under regulation 5 of the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 1981, it was not

necessary (as had previously been held) to establish that the employees had notice of the transfer and knew the identity of the transferee. The Employment Appeal Tribunal allowed an appeal by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry against the decision of an industrial tribunal that he was liable, under section 122 of the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act

sums ranging from £320 to £510 to three former employees of an insolvent company. Gayton International Ltd. The sole issue before the tri-

1978 (as amended), to pay

when selling its business to another company, Intro Business Ltd. on terms which expressly acknowledged the application of the 1981 Regulations, had also transferred to Intro its indebtedness to the three employees. If so, then the Secretary of State would not be liable to pay Gayton's debts to the employees (unless, which it was not, intro too were insolvent).

The tribunal held that there had been a transfer of undertaking from Gayton to Intro within reg 3 of the 1981 Regulations, the effect of which, under reg 5, would be to transfer all Gayton's obligations in respect of the employee's contracts of employment to static case that a transfer of an Intro and not the Secretary of However, although the em-

ployees were told that the business had been sold, they were not told the identity of the purchaser and did not discover it bunal was whether Gayton, until well after the transfer. In With respect to those involved

LAW REPORT 15 January 1996 those circumstances, the tribunal was bound by the Em-

ployment Appeal Tribunal's earlier decision in Photostatic Copiers (Southern) Ltd v Oku-da & Japan Office Equipment Ltd (in liqn) [1991] IRLR 11, to hold that reg 5(1) of the Regulations did not take effect and that the employees' contracts were accordingly not the Secretary of State liable to pay Gayton's dehts to the employees. Robert Jay (Treasury Solicitor) for the

Secretary of State; the respondents did Mr Justice Morison said it had been held in the Photoundertaking did not take effect

in relation to an employee's

contract of employment: unless and until the employee is given notice of (i) the fact of the trans-fer and (ii) the identity of the

in that decision, his Lordship did not regard it as a correct interpretation of the Transfer of Undertakings Directive or the 1981 Regulations made to give it effect. The purpose of the Directive

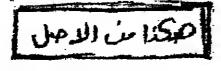
workers in the event of a change of employer by making it possible for them to contintransferred to Intro, leaving ue working for the transferee under the same terms and conditions as those agreed with the transferor (see, for example, the decision of the European Court of Justice in Berg v Besselsen [1990] ICR 396). Regulation 5(1) overruled the common law rule that a change in the identity of a contracting party

required consent. Until the Regulations were amended by the Trade Union Reform and Employment Rights Act 1993, it was assumed that they operated so as automatically to transfer to the transferee the contracts of employment of the transferor's ex-

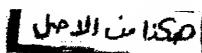
isting employees, whether or not the employees objected. Following a ruling of the European Court of Justice in Karsikas v Konstantinidis [1993] IRLR 179 that this infringed a worker's fundamental right to choose his employer, the 1993 Act amended reg 5 to allow an employee who objected to such a transfer instead to terminate was to safeguard the rights of his employment without being treated as having been dismissed: see reg 5(4A) and (4B).

If the Photostatic decision were regarded as good law, the

very protection which the Directive and Regulations were designed to provide would be significantly undermined. If the employee needed to know in advance the identity of the transferee before his contract was transferred, unscrupulous employers would simply refuse to disclose what was happening. To imply such a precondition was unnecessary and conflicted with the purpose of the Regulations. Accordingly, the Photostatic decision should no

longer be followed. Paul Magrath, Barrister 

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are to the THE REAL PROPERTY. Banking group's 'superwoman' fund manager may have tried to recruit 20 colleagues to join her in a move to another firm

Now Morgan Grenfell suspends pensions chief

and Peter Rodgers

Deutsche Morgan Grenfell was thrown into renewed turmoil yesterday when it suspended Nicola Horlick, the top fund manager who has been nicknamed superwoman by the City.

Mrs Herlick, who heads pension fund management of £18bn for the banking group, is believed to have tried to recruit un to 20 colleagues to join her in a move to another investment

management group. But the plan appears to have misfired and she is understood to have been confronted last Sunday by Robert Smith, chief executive of Morgan Grenfell Asset Management, who subsequently made the decision to

suspend her. Mrs Horlick's nickname, a title once used by the writer Shirley Conran for a book about how to run your life, refers to her ability to juggle life at the top with looking after five children, It came from Mrs Horlick's

combination of a large family, a demanding job and marriage to another top City investment hanker. Tim Horlick, chief operating officer for European investment banking at Salomon Brothers.

The suspension of the best known fund manager at DMG is a severeblow to the company, which had been rebuilding morale and attempting to persuade senior fund managers to

stay for the long term after the shock of the Peter Young

DMG denied any link with the scandal that broke last year when Mr Young, a senior fund manager, was sacked for gross misconduct after the suspension of trading in three Morgan Grenfell funds.

Mrs Horlick, 35, was on maternity leave after giving hirth to her fifth child when the Peter Young scandal broke. She is known to have been in negotiations recently with ABN

Amro, the Dutch bank, but it is understood that this is not her current destination. An investment hanking source said she had gone as far as telling her clients and staff

that she was joining ABN Amro, which suggests that the plan may later have fallen apart. Another source close to the affair said that ABN Amro might have found it difficult to continue negotiations with Mrs Horlick, because of the internal row that

has erupted over her planned de-

parture at DMG. ABN Amro refused to comment. A DMG spokesman said: "We have suspended her today pending the outcome of an internal investigation which will look at a potential breach of her contract. It has nothing to do with the Peter Young affair nor any suggestion of financial

DMG would complete its investigation into the potential

breach of contract by Mrs Horlick "as quickly as possible" hut said her suspension was purely internal and had no regulatory dimension or link to last year's

Neil Dunford, chairman of Morgan Grenfell Investment Managers, the pensions arm, will take over day-to-day run-Mrs Horlick is suspended.

Someone who has known her since

university said: 'She is so dynamic she is frightening'

Imro, the fund management regulator that is expected to levy a stiff fine soon for the Peter Young affair, does not appear to have been informed ahead of the announcement to the press.

Somebody who has known her since university said; "She is so dynamic she is frightening."

A persistent rumour in the fund management industry was that she might be going to ING Barings, which would bring full circle the row last summer when ING sued DMG for \$10m

(£6m) for poaching a team of 50 of its Latin American spe-cialists in New York. The case was settled out of court in the

JP Morgan was another ru-moured employer for Mrs Hor-lick. There was also a suggestion in the market that she was to replace Tony Dye, PDFM, who has gone out on a limb in predicting a stock market crash.

A spokesman for PDFM said: "It's categorically not true." However, shares rose on the back of the story, on the theory that PDFM would turn into a huyer of equities.

Another source said that Mrs Horlick has been unhappy with proposals by Mr Smith, her immediate boss, to switch her to management of the unit trust business until a permanent recruit could be found to fill a acancy there.

The source said: "She is such a high flyer you'd have to ask why she'd want to go and work on that side.

After the Peter Young affair, Keith Percy, the chief executive, and three other directors of the fund management group left af-ter an internal investigation revealed "management failings.

Mr Percy and Mrs Horlick, who was recruited five years ago from Mercury Asset Management, were regarded in the City as the two driving forces be-hind the success of Morgan

"Nicola's departure is going to be very disturbing. You've got to think of trustees, who will be asking who is managing our money. The fact that Nicola has gone won't stop it if those other 20 are going too," said one source familiar with the pensions management husiness.
The source added: "When

Keith Percy had his problems, somebody had to hold it together. She was the one and she was seen as very able."

Another pension funds expert said: "She can't go without having a knock-on effect." initially there were sug

tions that all bonuses would be cut at DMG after the Peter Young affair because of losses which could total £400m, in-cluding money injected into the finds by Deutsche Bank, the

parent group.

But the reality of a competitive market for personnel left DMG promising to continue to pay bonuses to key staff and it offered lucrative contracts to tie

Mr Young was sacked after itregularities were discovered in valuations of his funds. He is being investigated by the Serious Fraud Office and he denies any criminal activity. The affair has already led to casualties at Morgan Grenfell Asset Management, with a purge in Oc-Comment, page 17.



Superwoman grounded: Nicola Horlick's suspension is a severe blow to DMG, which had been rebuilding morale following the Peter Young scandal Photograph: Financial Times

Chris Godsmark Business Correspondent

The rift between the UK and Brussels over British Airways' proposed alliance with American Airlines decrened yesterday after the Department of take-off and landing slots at Trade and Industry insisted it Heathrow Airport, Rival carrihad the final say over approvers claim the conditions, which ing the tic-up.
It came after Karel van Miert,

the EC Competition Commissioner, had threatened on Monday to take the UK to the European Court of Justice if it claration of war. We've been pressed on with its decision to saying this about the alliance for approve the alliance before the months. What we're afraid of is Commission had concluded its own investigation.

The DTI last night admitted the question of who had jurisdiction over the alliance was "complex" and said certain aspects of the law were "untested". However, a spokeswoman said any moves by Brussels to stop infringements of competition under European Law could not prejudice UK government policy. British Airways has also insisted the Commission has no power to block transatlantic alliances of this kind.

provisionally ruled that the link-up, which would give British Airways and Americao control over 60 per cent of flights between the UK and US, can go ahead as long as the two carners en up 168 lucrative leave the alliance with 3,000 Heathrow slots, are too lenient.

Mr Van Miert's office vesterday vigorously defended his intervention. "This is not a dethat if two big guys unite forces they'll kill competition," said a

He added that approval of the alliance was not based solely on how many slots the two airlines would have to give up. "Competitors have suggested they should give up 400 slots hut it's a very blunt mistake to say this

The Office of Fair Trading has with Northwest Airlines.

DTI challenges | Shares reach new highs as Brussels on BA | fears of rate rise recede fears of rate rise recede

Diane Coyle **Economics Editor**

Shares in London set a new record yesterday, boosted by an by hopes that Kenneth Clarke will leave base rates unchanged after today's monetary meeting. nearly 61 points higher at volumes rose 0.6 per cent last

is also our view." It also emerged that the Commission is preparing to threaten KLM, the Dutch airline, with fines if it fails to submit information on its alliance

an early rise in the cost of bor-rowing into retreat. meet Eddie George, Governor The Centre for Economics and of the Bank of England, this af-Business Research, a consul-

opening surge on Wall Street and The FTSE 100 index ended

at the factory gate sent fears of

inflation. The Dow Jooes index was up nearly 40 points at 6,748.82 by mid-morning after figures showing that retail sales

4,168.2. Figures earlier this month while headline inflation that the official unemployment week showing subdued inflation was unchanged at 3.3 per cent. count could fall below 1.5 mil-The Chancellor is due to

hand in hand with love

The two men will also have a preview of December's headline inflation rate, expected to dip after two disappointing months

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A report yesterday predicted tion without triggering inflation.

Veteran adviser warns of crash

ment adviser at the Wall Street investment bank Merrill Lynch, yesterday warned that the US stock market was heading for a 25 to 30 per cent correction later this year, dragging European shares down with it, writes lagnus Grimond.

Making his 22nd annual address to UK fund managers, Mr Farrell said the last two years had seen the best returns from US stocks since 1954 and 1955. But be said the pattern of last

Robert Farrell, veteran invest- year, with small capitalisation stocks topping out in the first half and large companies taking up the running in the secand, was indicative of a maturing cycle.

Quality shares may be nearing "at least an interim peak", Mr Farrell said. The trigger could be a further attempt by Federal Reserve Board chairman Alan Greenspan to cool Wall Street's current euphoria.

Mr Greenspan's comment just before Christmas about the Investment column, page 18.

"irrational exuberance" of markets, which caused share prices to tumble, was not just an "accidental phrase", he said. This time 100 million mutual fund holders could be hit in any share slide, compared with just 30 million in the 1987 crash.

Mr Farrell said he expected that the final peak would be reached later in the year, with earnings disappointments and the threat of higher interest rates hitting sentiment.

Shares in New York opened ternoon. New figures today are tancy, said greater labour higher after further evidence likely to show a fall in the numthat strong growth in the US is ber of people claiming unem- was scope for another 500,000 ment register. author McWilliams said unemploy-

ment was falling dangerously fast. A fall of about 10,000 a month "would be consistent with inflation staying low and hence with a sustained reduction in unemployment," he said. However, the Labour Party

yesterday challenged the official jobless figures. Employment spokesman Peter Hain said that including people who would like to work but had withdrawn from the jobs market and those on training schemes meant almost 4.5 million people wanted work - about twice the headline tigure.

These figures show wby no one believes this Government's claims about unemployment," he said.

surprise drop of 95.800 in the number of unemployment benefit claimants in the latest

The Government seized on a

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month as evidence of the success of its economic policies, although the decline was exaggerated by the introduction of the jobseekers' allowance.

Separate figures yesterday confirmed the pick-up in the housing market. Halifax reported a 4.5 per cent rise in Greater London house prices in the fourth quarter of last year, taking the annual rate in the

BT cuts overseas call prices

British Telecom yesterday ignited a oew phase in the phooe price tries, worth £70m a year, writes Chris Godsmark. Mercury eo io review ils drices, du

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companies and are likely to go some way to meeting the challenge from a growing band of hargain operators.

Analysts said the move was in booming capital to 14.9 per cent. | duopoly between BT and Mer-Market report, page 19 | cury, to 44 operators.

Southampton shines as football clubs flex for action

derland, whose newly floated David Frost, the broadcaster,

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The enduring appeal of football clubs to investors continued yesterday when shares in the company that merged with Southampton, the struggling Premier League side, soared on their return to the stock market. was also helped by the appointment of Kenny Dalglish to

stock market action are Sheffield United, whose shareholders yesterday approved a £9.9m Conrad, a quoted leisure group, and fellow Division One club Charlton Athletic, which confirmed plans to float on the Sentiment towards the sector Alternative Investment Market.

Shares in Secure Retirement. the property development and succeed Kevin Keegan as manager of Newcastle United, putting healthcare group which reversed into Southampton, closed last the Geordie club's planned night at 150p after being sus-£200m flotation back on track. pended at 47p before Christmas.

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Also lining up for a slice of reverse takeover of the club by

Rupert Lowe, chairman of shares are already trading on both Secure Retirement and the new holding company, Southampton Leisure Holdings, de-nied suggestions the club had heen bought on the cheap. The market likes the merger. The two have come together

very nicely," he said. But analysts said the £10m reverse takeover, which valued Sunderland, unlike Southamp-Southampton at the equivalent of its annual turnover,

looked a steal when compared

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Mr Lowe was at a loss to explain the difference in valuation: "It is difficult to say. Perhaps it

is because we have a full listing. I think Sunderland are quoted on AIM." In fact, both clubs enjoy full stock market status, though

ton, have already funded their planned move to a new stadium. Mr Lowe also held out an olive branch to a consortium led by Sir

who last month failed to buy a large stake in Southaropton.

They effectively plagiarised our offer and hoped to change

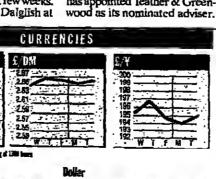
the course of our deal but as a combined team we would welcome them," he said. "The door is always open."

Mr Lowe said a meeting between the Frost consortium, which includes Gavyn Davies, chief economist at US investment bank Goldman Sachs, and the new Southampton board could take place in the pext few weeks. The arrival of Mr Dalglish at

St James' Park paves the way for Newcastle United's planned flotation before Easter. Further details of the offer structure would be made available tomorrow, the club confirmed. Sheffield United will become

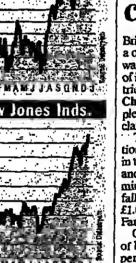
the 12th football club to be quoted on the stock market when its shares, formerly listed as Courad and offered at 60p each, start trading tomorrow. Charlton Athletic, seeking to

raise £5m from its AIM listing, has appointed Teather & Green-



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per cent on calls to Germany and France, while calls to Australia and New Zealand fall by 10 per cent. Calls to Sweden plunge in price by 37 per cent. The cuts narrow the price gap with Mercury and the cable

response to the UK's decision to open up the market in international traffic, previously a

TENDER OFFER BY WESSEX WATER PLC

(the "Company") to repurchase up to 10.5 per cern. of its ordinary shares of 60p each ("Ordinary shares"), other than those held by LIK Waste Management Holdings ("WMI"), a 180p per Ordinary share (the "Tender Offer") and the proposed repurchase of 10 per cent. of the Ordinary shares, and all of the B shares and C shares, held by WMI on 18th December, 1996, at 355p per share (the "WMI Repurchase"). The Tender Offer is open to Qualifying Shareholders, who are those shareholders on the register at the close of business on 15th January, 1997 (excluding WMII), and will close (unless extended) at 3.00 p.m. on Friday 24th

Summary of the terms and conditions of the Tender Offer Under the Tender Offer, each Qualifying Shareholder is invited to sell Ordinary shares to the Company as follows: a sale to the Company of up to 10 per cent. of their bolding at a price of 380p per Ordinary share; and

in addition shareholders with an aggregate holding of 200 Ordinary shares or less will be given the opportunity to sell to the Company all their Ordinary shares under the Tender Offer at 380p per Ordinary The Company will not accept tenders of Ordinary shares under the Tender Offer unless: (a) the WMI Repurchase becomes unconditional; and (b) the Special Resolution authorising and approving the terms of the contract for repurchase of Ordinary shares by the Company is passed at the Extraordinary Central Meeting (the "EGM") convened for 11:00 a.m. on 13th Pebruary, 1997 (together the "Conditions"). At any time before the EGM the Company reserves the right, in certain circumstances, in its absolute discretion to lapse the Tender Offer.

The number of Ordinary shares tendered under the Tender Offer is expected to be announced by the Company by 10.00 a.m. on 29th Jamary, 1997. A fise of tendering sharcholders together with the form of purchase contract will be available for inspection at the Company's registered office at Wessex House, Passage Street, Brissol BS2 0/Q and at the offices of Lindauers & Paintagan House, 59-67 Grestiam Street, London EC2V 7/A for 15 days ending with the date of the EGM and at the EGM track. If the Conditions are satisfied the settlement of purchases of Ordinary shares is expected to take place on 14th February, 1997.

This is a summary of the terms of the Tender Offer full details of which are contained in the Tender Offer document dated 7th January, 1997 (the

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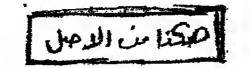
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Making even more of a Horlicks out of MGAM

supremo at Morgan Grenfell Asset Management - and it seems to be the old story of the brightest and best attempting to jump ship - it cannot be seen as anything other than another severe blow to this beleaguered organisation. Nobody is indispensable, but Ms Horlick was a key part of the team recruited by the now departed Keith Percy. and a vital part of the success achieved by MGAM until Peter Young so spectacularly called time.

With backing as powerful as Deutsche Bank, it seems unlikely that MGAM is going to evaporate as a business overnight. It takes quite some while for pension fund trustees to disentangle the complex arrangements that go with choosing a particular fund manager, even if they feel minded to do so. But what's happening now at MGAM is typical of all people husinesses plunged into sud-den and unexpected crisis. The best people hide their time, then when they find the right

opening and opportunity, they jump.

Loyalty still counts for something at MGAM. It was apparently one of those she tried to recruit who shopped her, or so the rumour mongers say. And Morgan Grenfell itself says she severely overestimated the numbers who would want to join her in walking to another organisation. Even so, there are still some mighty disaffected people round there. Staff at MGAM should have shared in the City bonus bonanza this year

describes them. As it is the bonuses paid next month are likely to he small, or certainly were going to be until this happened. With MGAM's reputation all but demolished by the Peter Young fiasco, the situation may not be much better next year either.

If Ms Horlick has indeed been attempting to peach internally, then Deutsche can hardly complain. Not so long ago it poached an entire team from ING Barings and got sued into the bargain for doing so. This is a dog eat dog husiness and Deutsche ought to know it. Its foray into Anglo-Saxon securilies trading and fund management none the less looks like heing an increasingly expensive onc. Already the MGAM debacle has cost £400m in compensation. Now it is all too possible it will end up without much of a fund management operation to boot.

Three heads better than one for regulation

Nearly everyone agrees that there is something fundamentally wrong with the way our privatised utilities are regulated. Even one or two of the regulators themselves think the system is not all it might be. The problem has been summoning up the will to

Into this void has stepped, wait for it, The

Whatever the precise reasons for Nicola | - bonuses big enough to pay off the mort-Horlick's "suspension" as pensions | gage, as one rival fund manager gleefully | Utilities, a collection of the great and the good funded by Graham Mather's European Policy Forum and the Hansard Society with a lijtle help from BT, British Gas, the National Grid and the Joseph Rowntree Trust.

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its report, published yesterday under the chairmanship of John Flemming, warden of Wadham College, Oxford and a former chief economist at the Bank of England, rounds up most of the usual suspects and places them in the stocks. Lack of accountability and transparency, rule by personality cult, and the absence of a proper appeals procedure are just a few of the familiar brickbats.

There is, however, one glaring omission the total failure to examine whether the British model of economic regulation using the RPI-X formula has worked to the benefit of consumers or indeed the regulated industries themselves. The Commission's rather glib answer is that everyone agrees RPI-X has done a good job. Try telling that to Dick Giordano at British Gas or, indeed the Labour Party, which thinks the present price control formulas should be replaced with some form of sliding scale regulation that allows consumers to get a share on an annualised hasis of excess profits.

That aside, the report's central recommendation - that we should replace Pro-fessor Stephen Littlechild at Offer. Clare Spottiswoode at Ofgas, Ian Byatt at Ofwat and Don Cruickshank at Oftel with threestrong executive boards - is not a bad one. I and Marks & Spencer with products aimed | fer funds at any time.

- a streamlined appeals procedure, a statutory duty on regulators lo publish the reusoning bebind their decisions and a greater say for consumer councils - this approach might go some way to restoring public faith in the regulatory system and give it the legitimacy it seems to lack.

The problem will be finding someone to take up the baton. If the Conservatives are re-elected, it will hardly be in the Government's interests to admit that the present setup hasn't been working. Neither consumers nor shareholders would thank it for that. As for Labour, imposing a windfall tax on the privatised utilities will feature several magnitudes ahead of any consideration about how they ought to be regulated. Reform of utility regulation will figure a long way down Labour's list of priorities.

The Commission's report is commendably slim but at £30 a throw it looks destined to gather some expensive dust,

Guaranteed to beguile some investors

And yes, another of those wretched "guar-anteed" PEPs, this time from Legal & General. Legal & General is one of a hand-ful of traditional insurance companies which have decided to take on the new providers of financial services led by Richard Branson

Coupled with the other recommendations | at the common man. It offers cheap and cheerful pensions products and tracker Peps.

Its latest product - the Legal & General Election PEP - is aimed at nervous investors who want to protect themselves against the ups and downs of the stock market in an election year. But in fact, it is much the same as all the other guaranteed PEPs, and actually, when you look beyond the marketing hype, not all that it seems.

Imestors are invited to invest in a company based in Duhlin, which in turn puts 70 per cent of the proceeds on deposit with banks and huilding societies and uses 30 per cent to huy options on the FTSE index. That's a long way from the original concept of a PEP, but for the time being the Revenue doesn't seem to be bothered. In return investors are offered their money back if the stock market falls over the next five years, and 40 per cent on top of any growth in the FTSE 100 index. Sounds great, doesn't it?

But actually, it's just smoke and mirrors. You don't get any income out of this product. which means that you would almost certainly do just as well, if not better, in a conventional L&G tracker fund. With rolled up dividend income, the tracker will in most circumstances outperform the guaranteed PEP, which is why L&G is able to offer such an apparently attractive product. The more conventional product also carries the advantage of no initial or exit charges, a management fee of just 0.5 per cent, and the automatic right to withdraw or trans-

National Express chief quits after five months

Patrick Tooher

National Express, the coach and rail group, yesterday blamed a clash of management styles for the departure of Ernest Patterson after just five months in the driving seat.

In a statement National Express said Mr Patterson, who joined in August after serving as a director of the BET conglomerate until its takeover by Rentokil last year, bad relin-quished his role as chief executive by "mutual agreement" with immediate effect.

But sources close the company acknowledged that Mr Patterson's appointment bad been a mistake. "Both sides felt it wasn't the right company for him," said one. "There were big cultural differences between BET and National Express."

Colin Child, finance director, said both parties agreed that Mr Patterson "was not suited to National Express and National Express was not suited to him". But Mr Child stressed: "There was no dispute at all; no fight or debate or difference of opinion on commercial or strategic issues at all."

took insiders at the company and the stock market by surprise. "There was no hint of this," said a senior manager just helow board level. Shares in National Express

were as low as 526.5p at one stage, but they recovered to close 3.5p lower at 540.5p in a rising stock market.

Mr Patterson, who has been replaced by Phil White, formerly director of the West Midlands Travel unit, was on a one-year contract which will be honoured in full. The size of his payoff remains unclear because



End of the road: Ernest Patterson relinquished his role as chief executive of National Express 'by mutual agreement', the company said in a statement

made public. His predecessor, Ray McEnhill, was paid £411,000 in 1995, up from Nevertheless the resignation £327,000 in the previous year. Mr Child said that "cultural

style differences" had emerged between Mr Patterson and National Express. "The style and approach of a big group with a smaller, rapidly growing group is very different," he said. National Express had a more

devolved management struc-

ture than Mr Patterson was used to, Mr Child said.

Mr Patterson had been responsible for BET's worldwide transport interests, including road tankers, containers, warehousing and distribution. Analysts helieved his ap-

shift in focus away from the UK, a director of National Express where huying opportunities in the core bus and coach market were becoming increasingly hard to come by.

mitted National Express to hidding for all 12 remaining rail franchises after landing the Gatwick Express and Midland Main Line licences, National Express is also interested in buying the Welcome Break motorway service stations from Granada, the media and leisure conglomerate. The coach group also owns East Midlands airport and is seeking links with airlines to provide dedicated airport ser-

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appointment of a new manag-Instead Mr Patterson coming director at WMT
In an update on trading, Michael Davies, the chairman, said: "Although the 1996 financial results are not yet available I can confirm that based on our latest estimates the group has traded well across all its divisions in the second half of 1996 and looks forward to 1997

> The group remained comvelopment of its businesses and to acquisitions in existing and related areas, he said.

with confidence."

Matthew Clark regains some fizz

Tom Stevenson City Editor

Matthew Clark took a first step towards repairing its tattered reputation in the City yesterday as the Taunton and Gaymer's cider maker accompanied interim results with a blueprint for recovery from last year's dramatic profits warning. Analysts welcomed chief executive Peter Aikens' confident presentation and the shares, which have been bid up on takeover speculation from a low of 258p re-

cently, jumped 28p to 331.5p. They are still less than half the 801p reached last May before Clark shocked the City with a warning that sales of its premium bottled ciders, Diamond White and K, bad fallen 50 per cent as its predominantly young. female drinkers turned instead to the new alcoholic "soft" drinks known as alcopops.

Mr Aikens said the company had drawn up an action plan that would see advertising spend rise fourfold to between £8m and £10m. The lion's share of that is to be spent on Clark's Blackthorn brand, which has fallen behind rival Bulmer's Strongbow cider. A "creamflow" version of Blackthorn, with a beer style head, is to be launched as Blackthorn Gold.

Other plans include a £2m advertising campaign to boost Diamond White's flagging for-tunes and attempt to regain the young women who had turned to alcopops such as Bass's Hooper's Hooch and Merrydown's Two Dogs. A lower alcohol version, Diamond Lite, is to be re-trialed after a previous inconclusive survey. Mr Aikens said Clark was taking the lead in a effort to end the bitter price war in mainstream ciders that has seen it fighting with HP



Peter Aikens: Advertising spend will rise fourfold

Bulmer for control of a market the two companies dominate.

He added that the appointment of a new marketing director was imminent, with a shortlist of five candidates being interviewed. In addition, 40

in an expanded sales and marketing department.

Clark presented a contrite face to the City yesterday, admitting it had misjudged the need to defend its brands with advertising support. It estimated the full-year impact of declining Diamond White profits at £11m. Other problems, such as the price war and a loss of market share in the on-trade are expected to cost another £11m.

In the six months to October. pre-tax profits rose 40 per cent to £21.6m (£15.4m) on sales 69 per cent higher at £293m. The result was boosted by the inclusion for the first time of Taunton and the shares issued for that purchase reduced earnings per share 26 per cent to 16.8p.

Mr Aikens refused to comment on speculation that a takeover approach had been made by

Ciro Citterio takes Dunn & Co into the fold

Nigel Cope

The Dunn & Co chain of men's outfitters was rescued from receivership yesterday when fashion retailer Ciro Citterio bought the group for an undisclosed sum. The deal will save nearly 500 jobs as the purchaser pledged it would maintain the group's 130 stores, its warehouse and head office.

But though the Dumn & Co year on sales of £25m. name will survive, it will be in diminished form. "Some of the shop names will be changed to Ciro Citterio as that is the more successful format," a spokeswoman confirmed. "But we will retain the Dunn & Co name where it works."

Peter Fitzpatrick, Ciro Citterio's operations director, said; "Strong design and quality coupled with customer service have always been our ballmarks and we plan to inject these strengths into Dunn & Co." Ciro Citterio has around 200 stores in Britain. The group is run by the

Thakrar family, who are thought to have moved to Britain from Uganda in the 1970s. It acquired the Hornes menswear chain in 1993 and last year bought the Oakland menswear chain after its owner, the Pacia group, col-

say how much the group paid for Dunn & Co. However, it is understood that unsecured are unlikely to receive a divi-

Dunn & Co. which was founded in 1886, slid into receivership a week before Christmas with dehts of £6.4m. lts trading record was poor and it had been losing £1m a

However, trading has picked up and KPMG said sales during the first 15 days of Dunn's Christmas sale reached £2.3m. This was ahead of the same period last year.

KPMG is still trying to sell Dunn & Co's corporate clothing operation but remains conlent a buyer can be found. KPMG's Paul Jeffrey said: "This is a satisfactory deal and

we are pleased that the uncertainty surrounding Dunn & Co has been removed so quickly. Dunn & Co was the result of a buyout in 1994 and prior to the receivership venture capitalists CinVen owned 86 per cent of

the group. The receivers' task in finding a huyer for chain, which has a reputation for tweedy suits and formal flannels, has probably been eased by buoyant conditions on the high street.

IN BRIEF

 BAA, the privatised airports operator, reported a better-than-expected 7.8 per cent increase in passenger traffic last month. It hrings overall passenger numbers for 1996 to 96.8 million, up 5.5 per cent on 1995. Domestic traffic grew 8.2 per cent year-on-year, with particularly strong increases in flights to the Irish Republic, while north Atlantic traffic rose by 7.4 per cent. Growth at Stansted, BAA's third "London" airport, accelerated last year, with an overall increase of 23.7 per cent. BAA shares climbed 18p to 503p.

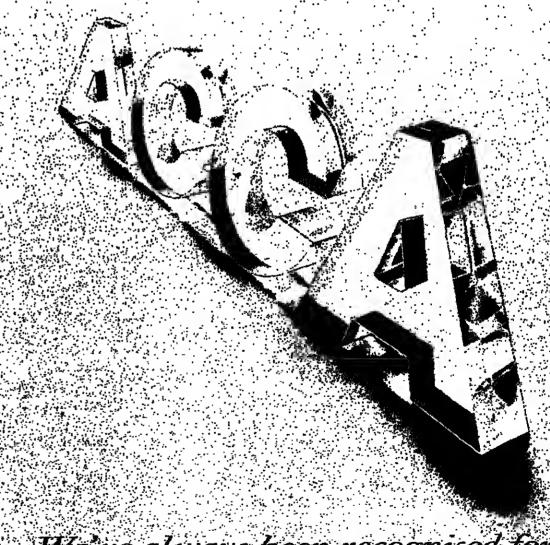
 France Telecom has signed an agreement with Credit Lyonnais worth Fr3hn (£333m) over five years to supply telecommunications services in France and 14 other countries via its Global One international alliance with Deutsche Telekom and Sprint Corporation. France Telecom was chosen over BT. Cable & Wireless AT&T, IBM-Axone, EDS, Hewlett Packard and Digital Equipment

• The former Sumitomo chief copper trader Yasuo Hamanaka charged with fraud in connection with billion-dollar losses from unauthorised trades, will face trial on 17 February in the Tokyo District Court. He was formally charged with fraud on 2 December in addition to forgery charges brought last year relating to copper trades between September 1993 and September 1994 allegedly made to conceal \$2.6bn (£1.56bn) of the losses made on unauthorised trading over 10 years.

• Banks and building societies face a real challenge from the supermarkets such as Sainsbury's, which intend to set up banking operations, and other companies with strong retail brands such as Marks & Spencer and Virgin, according to research by Interbank, a specialist branding consultancy firm, and Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, the investment bank. "If the banks don't wake up and realise that the message about price is not enough they could lose out to brands," said Karen Hack, branding consultant at Interbrand. Banks and building societies have battled over pricing when selling mortgages rather than fighting over quality and service, which would allow them to develop brands.

 Manual workers at Pengeot-Talbot are threatening industrial action over management's insistence on an individual merit pay system and "annualised" hours, which means that the length of the working week could vary over the year. A mass meeting yesterday rejected the offer, which includes a pay rise of 4 per cent this year, but which the Transport and General Workers' Union believes will keep the workers at the bottom of the pay league in the industry.

 The US car giant Ford has sold its Budget Rent a Car subsidiary to the Team Rental Group for \$350m (£205m). Ford will continue to supply cars and lorries to Budget. Ford is already considering selling all or part of its Hertz car hire business.



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Farrell rings New York alarm bell

thoughts of Robert Farrell, the widely respected investment adviser to Merrill Lynch. In London yesterday to address the UK investment community, Mr Farrell is unrelentingly bearish about the prospects for US shares, pre-

dicting a 25 to 30 per cent correction in the soaring New York market in 1997.

He reckons investors will get a fore-taste of what is in store in a fast-approaching "interim peak" for large capitalisation stocks, which have led the 33 per cent advance in the Dow Jones Industrials index over the past year Run. industrials index over the past year. But he suggests the final top could come with earnings disappointments later in

He does not have to look far to support these gloomy predictions. Two key investment yardsticks stand out. The average dividend yield on American shares has hit a historic low of just 2 percent, while the price/earnings n. l-tiple for the smaller capitalisation Nasdaq market has reached a gravitydefying 49.6.

Those two factors alone should set alarm bells ringing, but Mr Farrell points to the equally worrying spirit of eupboria sweeping Wall Street. Instead of paying down debt or making higher payments to shareholders, company managements are using excess cash to huy back shares, which boosts the value of the share options they grant themselves instead of salaries. The increasing value of shares means companies are financing record takeover activity, topping \$600bn last year, by issuing paper rather than paying cash.

The obverse of this phenomenon is that when share prices turn down, com-panies' impoverished balance sheets could be left exposed while managements' motivation will take a dive.

The problems do not just lie with the "real" economy and companies. US stock markets are also crashing through the record book, with New York share volumes hitting new highs in the first half of 1996 and new issues also at a new high. The hurst of speculation in small capitalisation stocks which peaked balfway through 1996 usually sees larger companies following suit some six to seven months later, Mr Farall claims cointing to his "interior rell claims, pointing to bis "interim peak" in the Dow any time now.

Among the many pointers to 1997 being a down year, he highlights the unerring record of market declines when the first post-election year is the seventh in the decade. The record \$1.45m paid for a seat on the New York Stock Exchange is another. But the massive flow of money into

mutual funds, the US equivalent of unit trusts, looks a more solidly-based in-

Fund managers who are nervous about the prospects for the US market this year will draw inspiration from the THE INVESTMENT COLUMN its for the full year of £46m, to give earnings per share of 35.6p and a

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White will spend £2m trying to regain

the fickle attention of its target market of 18 to 24-year-old women. A truce has been called with Bulmer

in the price war and Blackthorn is to

be relaunched with the lion's share of

a new £8-10m above-the-line advertising budget. If it sounds as if Clark

has brought in expensive consultants

simply to tell it how to run a branded

marketing operation, that's because it

The question for investors is whether

"soft" drinks.

EDITED BY TOM STEVENSON

Mutual fund investment leads shares prices

US elections and the stock market

Mid-decade elections often herald a fall in share prices

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dicator of trouble in store (see chart). The only consolation for investors is that Mr Farrell reckons this year will be a four-year cyclical low, rather than the major bear market which occurs every 20 to 25 years.

Matthew Clark explains it all

The gamblers who snapped up Marthew Clark shares last week at 258p got their reward yesterday after the cider maker moved on to the front foot with a sensible recovery strategy following the disaster of last year's profit warning. Another 28p jump left the shares at 331.5p, well below the 801p at which they peaked last May but a bandsome profit for the short-term

Investors had every reason to expect a pretty full explanation of what went wrong and what Clark planned to do about it, which broadly speaking they got. The chief executive, Peter Aikens, has effectively been given a chance to dig the company out of the hole he

The problems that led to a 26 per Clark can bounce back. The most op-

prospective price/earnings ratio of nine.

The promise of a maintained final

cent decline in earnings per share dur-ing the six months to October have dividend after the interim payont was beld projects a yield of 9 per cent. By most measures the shares look good been pretty well documented. Clark's main premium bottled cider, Diamond value but until fine words are translated White, experienced a slump in sales starting in the autumn of 1995 thanks into profitable action this remains a punter's stock. to under-investment in marketing and

Hodder boosted by Le Carré

iowed to drift and management lost touch with what was going on in the subsidiaries.

The solutions sound a lot less dramatic than the problems, but are the aggressive publisher.

It was sales of hardback blockhusters such as these that were behind a 9 per cent increase in like-for-like sales in the last quarter of 1996. Sales were also 9 per cent ahead in the 12 months to 31 December.

But, healthy as these figures were, Hodder will need a few more statements like it to belp win back the friends it lost in 1995 when a profits warning knocked a third off the sbare price. The shares have been going nowhere ever since as investors have

stayed away.
At the time of the warning, Hodder hlamed destocking by hig customers such as WH Smith and a rise in the price of paper for its dented margins. This was true but not the whole story. Some of the problems were selfinflicted, with poor stock control and a poor mix of sales which was skewed towards lower-margin exports. There was also an element of letting the market run away with over-optimistic expectations after Hodder made a fortune out of Schindler's List.

But things seem to bave changed at Hodder. There is a new finance director and a more cautious approach at the company.

However, investors may need a little longer to forget the trials of the recent past. While the collapse of the net book agreement bas led to a significant rise in hardback fiction, the market as a whole has increased only modestly.

The good news for Hodder is that,

while the demise of the NBA caused more upbeaval than anticipated, Hodder sbould ultimately benefit as it has a strong presence in hardback fiction.

House broker NatWest is forecasting full-year profits of £6.5m this year. With sbares up 5p to 225p yes-lerday, they trade on a forward rating of 17. High enough.

More project delays hit Babcock shares

Magnus Grimond

Babcock International's shares slipped 4p to 71p yesterday after the engineering to dockyard group said work on a big Aus-tralian project for Hanson's SCM chemicals operation load been deferred well into 1998. The news comes just two months after the contract, announced in July, was put back to next year.

The group, which last month paid £20.5m for the privatised Rosyth naval dockyard in Fife. said the latest delay would not have any significant impact on this year's results, but would reduce revenues for the year to March 1998 by around £8m. Some of this will be offset by a

Chrome and Chemical, an offshoot of Harrisons & Crosfield, to build a new chromic acid plant on Teesside, which was also announced yesterday.

Graham Webster, a Babcock follower at Merrill Lynch, said the impact on profits was not buge but he was shaving his forecast for next year by £2m, having cut the figure for the current year by the same amount in November. He is now looking for profits to rise from £3.1m to £7m in the year to March, and to still more than double to £15m in the following 12 months.

He said the latest news was less important than the Rosyth

£10m contract with British £11m or £12m to annual profits, management bad picked up the yard on "very, very good terms", he said. "Compared to Rosyth, this is just a niggle. It is not dramatic, but it is a nuisance."

Babcock, chaired by John Parker, has a large engineering services role in the Hanson-SCM Kemerton project, which involves the construction of a n-tanium dioxide plant in Aus-tralia. Mr Webster said the work on the Teesside plant, claimed to be the largest of its type in the world, would be at lower margins than the business deferred, although be expected Babcock to pick up further re-placement work over the next six to nine months.

Trocadero gears up for Giant Drop

Tom Stevenson City Editor

Trocadero, the leisure company spun off from property group Burford, said it was to open three new attractions at its central London Pepsi Trocadero indoor complex, including a free-fall ride.

The Giant Drop will haul pas-sengers up 125 feet in a small cabin before plunging them in free-fall towards the ground until electro-magnetic brakes hring the cahin to a halt. Trocadero said it was seeking

a sponsor for the £2m Giant Drop, which it said would be the first indoor free-fall ride of its

kind in the world. It is under construction in Switzerland and is due to be opened in summer.

The company also said it was opening a £5m Rainforest Café, featuring live and animated wildlife and special effects, and a £5m Imax 3D cinema.

It said these latest investments followed a £50m refurhishment programme and last September's opening of the Segaworld indoor theme park, which occupies the top five

floors of the building.

Trocadero, listed on the Alternative Investment Market. was one of the fledgling marker's strongest performers in the early part of last year.

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Ashquay bid fails on technicality

One of the most closely fought takeovers in recent years end-ed in the narrowest of escapes for UK Estates yesterday after rival property group Ashquay failed to carry off its £21m prize on a technicality, writes Patrick Toober.

Ashquay was denied victory by a late-night Takeover Panel ruling that a 4.26 per cent stake in UK Estates bought by Ashquay from the Co-Op after Monday's hid deadline had passed could not be included among the acceptances as it had not been registered in time.

As a result Ashquay said its ill-share offer for UK Estates ad lapsed after it gained control of only 45.78 per cent of the arget's ordinary shares. Ashmay retains a 9.9 per cent olding in UK Estates. UK Estates said it was de-

ighted the bid had failed albough defending it had been

Sbares in UK Estates fell 4p to 24.5p on the news, while Ashquay dipped a penny to 39p. Ashquay said it would proceed with a one-for-six rights issue to raise £1.5m to fund the costs of

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The guru steps into hot water

standing, put this fascinating photo of himself on the cover of his latest annual address to the investment community.

Quite what the connection s between Mr Farrell emerging from a hot tub on a boat beneath London's Tower Bridge and his talk's title, "Putting a Market Top in Place", eludes me.

Perhaps his thesis for his 22nd address in London, that US markets are about "to take a bath," is the key. Or there again it could be his ad-vice to investors: "Go liquid."

The ironically dry Mr Farrell says the picture is "the perfect sign of a market top
this market guru out sailing

in a hot tuh on the Thames". He adds that it is just as well it was not a market bottom - "otherwise I would have been upside down".

Pity the poor postmen - but buy shares in web-offset printers. The reason is simple. You know all those mil-lions of circulars heing sent out by building societies which are converting to banks?

Due to this deluge of paper from Halifax, Woolwich and Alliance & Leicester, the post office has introduced emergency measures, It has found that posties can carry only 30 Halifax conversion packs at a time, so vans have been sent out to carry the extra bumpf to your doors.

What's more, it emerges that there is no free capacity for web-offset printing in Europe at the moment, because they're all working overtime to cope with the building societies. So buy shares in printers. My tips are Wat-moughs and St Ives.

Now the dust is settling on years of conflict at Lloyd's of London the various combatants are putting down their lawsuits and picking up their pens.

Christopher Stockwell, chairman of Lloyd's Names Associations Working Party. is thinking about writing a book but is being held up by loose ends thrown up by the Lloyd's settlement"

Colleagues of John Rew, chairman of the Sturge Names' Action group, are urging him to chronicle the goings-on at Sturge.



Looking for a top: Bob Farrell of Merrill Lynch

There have already been several good books about Lloyd's. The Independent's own former foreign editor, Godfrey Hodgson, wrote Lloyd's of London: A Reputa-tion at Risk in the mid-1980s, Probably the best is Adam Raphael's Ultimate Risk. which, however, only goes up to 1995

Patrick Streeter, a partner in publishers Matching Press, published For Whom the Bell Tolls by two anonymous

Lloyd's names last December. Mr Streeter. a name himself, says the autobiographical novel is now going into its second printing.

So what does Mr Streeter

think of the Lloyd's settlement? "It's an adequate compromise. It's like the First World War - each side bashing the guts out of each other and then finally signing a peace treaty. Rough justice." Sounds like a good name for a book ...

the great Warburg exodus when he resigned as managing director of SBC Waitung last November in order to join accountants KPMG as head of corporate finance. Now he has been appointed non-executive director of TLS, the fast-growing vehicle rental company. Mr Beever tells me: "I've

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known TLS for quite a considerable length of time. I worked on leasing at Warburg in the early days, and I hope that this and my corporate finance experience will be useful."

Mr Beever is still a nonexec at Northern Electric, but be doesn't anticipate this post lasting, since CalEnergy recently bought out the company in a fiercely contested takeover battle. He is also a non-exec at London and Continental Railways, which is developing the Channel Tunnel rail link and which

owns Eurostar. TLS should be more than just a time-filler for Mr Beever, since it has quadrupled in size over the past couple of years.

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Exuberant banks help Footsie smash last year's record

market growing increasingly excited by the possibility of more corporate action, as well as encouraging trading prospects, banks and the rest

hit at the end of the year, was conclusively smashed. Trading was often squeezy with buycrs. much to the dismay of hard-pressed market makers,

often prepared to chase shares. The market was also supported by hopes that interest rates will remain unchanged in the wake of today's Ken and Eddie meeting and continued strength in New York with the Dow Jones Average testing, at least during London hours,

There was another, rather departure of high-profile fund

Financials led blue chips to a manager Nicola Horliek from record high. With the stock Deutsche Morgan Greenfell prompted rumours she was about to replace arch bear, Tony Dye, at the PDFM fund management giant.

The story was denied. But romped ahead, helping to lift while it lasted it prompted speculation that Mr Dye's ultra cautious stance would be tra cautious stance would be changed and PDFM, underperforming and with 15 per cent of its resources in cash, would move into the market to

reduce its cash hoard. The blue chip exuberance is seeping through to second and third liners. The supporting FTSE 250 index gained 22.3 points to 4.557.2, just 11.3 from its record reached in April last year.

Financials have been in impressive form for much of this year. Lloyds TSB led the latest charge with a 22.5p gain to bizarre, reason put forward for 480.5p. The market is conthe strength of equities. The vinced the high street clearers

MARKET REPORT DEREK PAIN

stock market reporter of the year

another record year. It is prepared to ignore competition coming from a variety of directions such as building societies and superstores.

Prudential Corporation fronted the insurance pack, up 23p at 537p. A big deal is expected. The Pru could aim for another insurance group but is seen as likely to spread its wings and a merger with Abbey National, 27p higher at 800.5p, is

expected in some quarters.
Commercial Union, still seen as a target for BAT Industries, rose 21p to 713.5p while BAT, said to be thinking of demerging its financial and tobacco sides, was puffed up

next month and should enjoy 21p to 493.5p. Fund managers were inspired by the rush of market activity with Mercury Asset Management 36.5p in the money at 1,257.5p.

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There was evidence of money moving into financials from engineering, where wor-ries about sterling's strength are these days never far from the surface.

British Steel, meeting analysts last night, fell 5.75p to 146.75p. It is a major casualty of the pound and has been the subject of swingeing profit downgrades. The group is something of a feast or famine performer and analysts hope to learn just how difficult trading

Rnlls-Royce (with HSBC James Capel saying sell), Lucas Varity and GKN were otheras Varity and GKN were variety and GKN we er casualties. So were overseas earners such as Grand Metro-

RMC recovered a 9p fall to close 17.5p higher at 905p af-ter Panmure Gordon said currency concerns bad been overplayed. Some oils had another smooth run. British Borueo Petrolenm Syndicate gained 59p to 1,085p and Pre-mier Oil 1.5p to 41p.

Superstores were among others on song. Although many retailers failed to enjoy the predicted Christmas spectacular, food sales seem to have been ahead of expectations. There is also a feeling the sector has been overlooked; suggestions Morgan Stanley was backing food retailers helped sentiment. Somerfield rose 6.5p to 171p after NatWest Securities forecast next week's interim profit would be £54.5m, putting

circulating, moved ahead 1.5p

to 94p.
Go-Ahead, the bus group, fell 18p to 488.5p on reports the Stock Exchange had started a The return to Ofex comes as probe into the recent share strength. Whithread recovered trading statement, gaining 20 insurance companies will 23.5p to 763.5p. Among smaller companies

to 20p following an encouraging report on its operations in China and United Energy re-

reverse takeover

agement buy-out stories are Friday. The shares have been suspended since July. The SFA is investigating bectic trading which sent them surging from 27.5p to 275p.

SkyNet is hoping to raise up to £1.7m through a four-for-Monday's fall on its festive 13 rights issue at 50p. It says reduce motor premiums when SkyNet's 2,000 system is fit-XCL, the oil riddler, gushed 5p ted and it has lined up 180

Flying Flowers, once again expected to produce results Frism Rail ventured 35p ahead to 490p and the market's ahead from the recent cold Southampton Leisure) jumped snap. It is expected to comfortably top market forecasts marched in through a classic of £3m - perhaps reaching

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Wainwright back as Scotland captain

Rugby Union CHRIS HEWETT

Rob Wainwright, an obvious candidate to captain the Lions in South Africa this summer, will get a precious opportunity to reassert his renowned leadership qualities when Scotland take on Wales in this weekend's Five Nations opener at Murrayfield.

The 31-year-old Army doctor. now fully recovered from groin and Achilles injuries, was recalled yesterday by national selectors desperate to restore some authority to a side that under-performed in its two early-season Tests against Australia and Italy.

Wainwright, who relieves Gregor Townsend of the cap-taincy, skippered Scotland in New Zealand last summer but sacrificed the first half of the current campaign to undergo surgery on his various ailments. He returned to action with Watsonians, bis Edinhurghbased club, just before Christmas and then impressed with his displays for Caledonia in the inter-district championship. His return to the hack row will give the Scots far greater presence on the pitch but the real benefit may well be felt in the dress-

ing-room, where he was an inspirational figure during the 1996 Five Nations.

The other changes to the side that struggled to beat Italy last month see Peter Walton restored to the loose unit along-side Wainwright, Doddie Weir -back in the engine room at the expense of Damian Cronin and Gary Armstrong, in residence once again at scrumhalf. Armstrong's appearance ensures a battle royal with Rohert Howley, the gifted

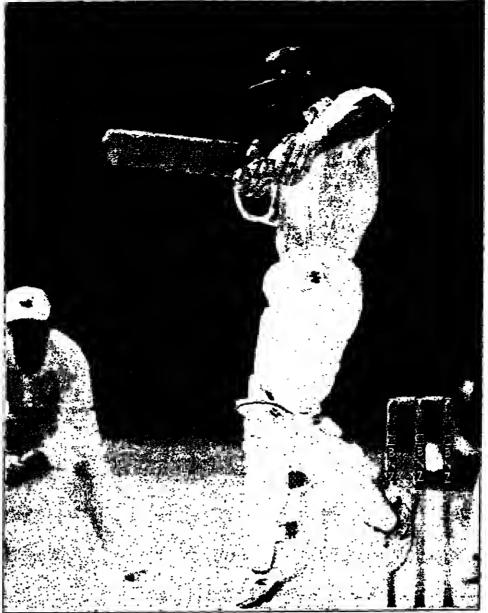
Welsh balf-back, on Saturday. With Townsend partnering Scott Hastings in the centre, Craig Chalmers continues his chequered career at outsidehalf. That may not please the Lions managerial contingent who make the trip to Edinburgh they see Townsend as their chief playmaker against the Springboks and would prefer him to be given his head at stand-off in the coming weeks - but the Scots believe they have decided on their optimum line-up.

In total, seven English-based players will take the field for the Scots. That number is likely to rise before very much longer as Kenny Logan, the Stirling County wing, is being linked with a move to Saracens.

trained in Cardiff vesterday and did not escape without a number of injury scares. Howley retired midway through the session with hamstring trouble while Scott Gibbs withdrew after suffering more pain with the knee be injured in last weekend's victory over the United States. Two replacements also gave cause for concern: Gwyn Jones took no part in the session because of shoulder problems, while Craig Quinnell was virtually a passenger because of a hamstring injury. However Kevin Bowring, the coach, said he was confident all four would

Phil Greening, England's re-serve hooker and a hot tip to make the Lious party despite his lack of international experience, is to stay at Gloucester. Greening has been chased hard all season by a clutch of bigall season by a citilen of tingspending clubs, notality Wasps.
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be fit to fly north tomorrow.



Nasser Hussain on his toes in Palmerston North vesterday

Stewart more than happy to lead double life

Cricket

MARK BALDWIN reports from Palmerston North NZC Selection XI 138 England 154-3

Alec Stewart, who scored more Test runs than anyone in world cricket during 1996, is enjoying being at the forefront of things as England's wicketkeeper-batsman. "Perhaps I should be getting two salaries now that I am doing two jobs," he said.

"But I am enjoying my keep-ing as well as the batting and I am feeling settled going in at No 3. The pitches here in New Zealand seem to be a yard quicker than those in Zimbabwe and that suits me, too. But at the moment, I'm just concentrating on carrying things on from the Zimbabwe leg."

Stewart is willing runs to flow for Mike Atherton, too. While Stewart's own winter continues to get better and bet-ter, England's out-of-touch captain reacted to yesterday's rain in New Zealand by going fishing to take his mind off things.

Only an bour's play was possible on the second day of England's opening first-class fixture in New Zealand, Stewart racing

to 75 not out as England's to-tal went from 106 for 3 to 154 for 3 in reply to the Select XI's 138 all out.

Atherton is keeping his spir-its up manfully, and Stewart said: "He's a class player and something will click for him soon. Hopefully, it will be in the second innings here, but if not I'm sure he will come good in our next match at Hamilton."

Besides Atherton, England need runs from both Nasser Hussain, who is currently I I not out, and Graham Thorpe, the next man in Hussain, after a century in the first Test against Zim-babwe in Bulawayo, ended the first leg of the tour with 24 runs from five innings - and in the first over of the day he edged medi-um-pacer Justin Vanghan to just short of Craig Spearman at slip before he had scored. Hussain survived thanks in part to Spearman's bonesty that he had picked

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Syndicate resurfaces

STUART ALEXANDER

The British America's Cup syndicate, silent since its launch through the Royal Dorset Yacht Club in May, is to send a team to an invitational regatta in Auckland at Easter. It is time, the syndicate hoss Chris Witty said yesterday, to emerge from the shadows.

Chris Law has been invited to skipper a crew being assembled by Chris Mason, a key member of the Japanese challenge in San Diego in 1992 and 1995. The syndicate, which is still looking for major sponsors to back what could be a £15m to £20m camsome of Britain's emerging talent, such as the 1996 Olympic silver medallists John Merricks and Ian Walker. But they have commitments to the British Admiral's Cup team, which persuaded Witty to look elsewhere for crew.

It is expected that Lawrie Smith would take the helm for the Louis Vuitton Cup elimination trials, scheduled for October to December 1999, but he has his hands full with the Silk Cut Whithread project.

The other three groups to accept invitations to the Auckland series to be held in New Zealand's two older America's Cup hoats are the San Franciscan team lead by Leslie Egnot,

paign, had also hoped to blood the New York Yacht Club. skippered by the former Team NZ coach, Ed Baird, and France's

Port Camargue group.
The winner of their roundrobin in the first week of April will meet the world match racing champion and Team NZ skipper, Russell Coutts, in a

The British team, which has paid the \$100,000 (£60,000) entry fee, is not expected to sign any hig names before the February adline to meet nationality rules. But Witty, who has been undergoing heart surgery, said: We think we should do it. The timing is right and we need to demonstrate to potential backers that we are up and running"

New rules attacked

Motor racing

McLaren's managing director, Ron Dennis, yesterday criti-cised Formula One's latest rule changes which limits testing for

"I don't think any team can get the amount of testing it wants to now. I can understand the philosophy behind the changes, but I am a little freemarket orientated and testing, although expensive, is the cheapest way of developing a racing car," Dennis said at McLaren's headquarters in Woking, Devon.

Dennis, who was speaking at the unveiling of the new Mercedes Benz-powered car, was also critical of the latest situation relating to the new Concorde Agreement between the teams and the ruling body, the In-ternational Motoring Federation. He admitted he was still unhappy at the terms which the majority of teams had accept-

ed in signing it.

McLaren, Williams and Tyrrell refused to sign the agreement and will not receive any of the financial benefits, such as a travel budget, which will he paid to the other teams which

O'Neal enlivens the Lakers

Basketball RICHARD TAYLOR

Shaquille O'Neal is delivering the goods for the Los Angeles Lakers. As 10 whether the \$121m (£75m) the Lakers invested in him will prove to be a success will take another six months to answer at NBA play-

off time. Yet two months into the season there is no denying the impact the 7ft 4in player is having on the Lakers. They lead the Pacific Division, one game ahead of last season's play-off finalists, the Seattle Supersonics. Once

again, the former champions in purple and gold are dreaming of glory days. The Lakers had to trade a significant part of their squad to make way for O'Neal. But the former Orlando Magic centre is more than making up for that and is also lifting the game of his team-mates.

The 24-year-old centre is in the NBA's top five in scoring, re-bounding, blocked shots and field-goal percentage. O'Neal has scored 20 or more points in 27 consecutive games, the longest such run in the NBA. The shooting guard Eddie Jones is one team-mate benefiting from O'Neal's imposing presence. He now leads the NBA in steak.

Jones said: "We've got Shaq inside, good shooters outside, good rebounders and guys that play defence. We've got guys that can do every little thing out there for us."

John Amaechi, the England international who plays for Panathinaikos in Greece, is the English Basketball Association's men's player of the and bas led the Lakers' scorers year. Sheffield Hatters' Vanes-in 30 out of 36 games and in sa Ellis won the women's rehounding in 32 out of 36. award.

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LATEST RESULTS AND TOP 50 TEAMS

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of points scored in all matches played from Saturday 17 August - Sunday 12 January. Also published today is the Top 50 League table (see left). It lists the overall top scoring Independent Fan-

period. The Overall (Ov) column lists the total amount

oday we publish the latest results in our tasy Football managers and their teams for match. The overall Top 50 League table will be printed every Independent Fantasy Football game, es played between Saturday 17 August - Sunday 5 Wednesday and again on Sunday.

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Besides Atherion, Englishment runs from both Na Hussain, who is currently)] out, and Graham Thorpe & next man in, Hussan aher age tury in the first Test agains & halwe in Bulawayo, ended a first leg of the rour with Mag from five innings - and while over of the day he edged for um-pacer Justin Vaughanies short of Craig Spearman as before he had scored. Huse survived thanks in pen to he man's honesty that he hadpe the ball up on the half-tole the ball up on the manning to be a first of the ball up on the second of the second of

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Tennis

DERRICK WHYTE reports from Melbourne

World number one Pete Sampras and Swiss teenager Martina Hingis marched into the second round of the Australian Open here yesterday, Jennifer Caprian broke down in tears after an unexpected defeat and the sixth-seeded Iva Majoli from Croatia lost 7-5, 6-1 to the unheralded Patty Schoyder of Switzerland in the higgest upset on a day when the top players dominated.

But the greatest drama came off court in the media room where Capriati, whom Hingis bad replaced as the sport's teenaged darling, burst into tears after being ousted in the first round of her Australian Open comeback.

Four years after her last appearance in Melbourne, when she reached the quarter-finals at the age of 16, Capriati was beaten 6-2, 3-6, 6-4 by fellow

a performance which left a when she was asked how she felt crowd of fans disappointed.

Sydney warm-up tournament on Saturday, where she was beaten by Hingis, Capriati had been expected to enjoy a straightforward passage into the second

Ignacio Truyol yesterday became the first tennis player to be banned from the ATP Tour for failing a test for performance-enhancing drugs. The ATP Tour's chief executive, Mark Miles, said the 23-year-old Spaniard had been suspended for a year. They did not say what substance was involved.

But Watanabe, a 28-year-old who had never before advanced beyond the first round of the Australian Grand Slam event, was able to stay on the baseline and watch Capriati throw the match away.

"I was pretty disappointed. I didn't think I was playing nearly as well as last week," Capriati favourite for the men's title, American Jolene Watanabe in told a news conference. But

about the warm public support After reaching the final of a she has enjoyed since returning to tennis, Capriati started to reply: "Just being out there and hearing the crowd..." but then she burst into tears and was escorted away sobbing heavily.

The 16-year-old Hingis picked up a warning for racket string of errors.

deny top seed Steffi Graf a fifth Australian Open erown, ber financial future is secure. An Italian sportswear firm yesterday announced a five-year sponsorship deal which will give Hingis at least \$7.5m (£4.5m) and up to \$12m if she ousts Graf from the top spot.

Sampras, top seed and crushed the Romanian qualifi-

abuse before beating the German veteran Barbara Rittner 6-1, 7-5 on Centre Court. The Czech-horn Swiss youngster was warned by the umpire for throwing her racket into the net after a service break against her in the second set that led to a But even if Hingis fails to

> (inset) in tears at her press conference after that upset 11th seed and former champion Jim Courier, survived a firstround scare against the Dutchman Sjeng Schalken, beating him 8-6 in the fifth set of a marathon match.

Like Sampras and Boris second day. Goran Ivanisevic, ta, added to Spain's early suc-

His fellow American, the men's complained that the balls being used in the tournament were too soft. But the tournament director, Paul McNamee, claimed that the balls were no different from those used last year.

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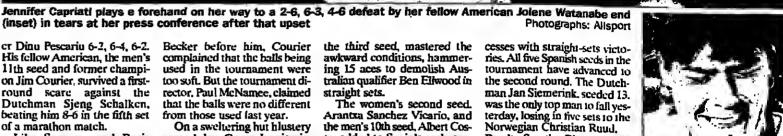
the third seed, mastered the awkward conditions, hammer-

ing 15 aces to demolish Australian qualifier Ben Eliwood in straight sets. The women's second seed

Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, and the men's 10th seed, Albert Cos-

Photographs: Alisport cesses with straight-sets victo-

ries. All five Spanish seeds in the tournament have advanced to the second round. The Dutchman Jan Siemerink, seeded 13. was the only top man to fall yesterday, losing in five sets to the Norwegian Christian Ruud. Results, Sporting Digest, page 23



RESULTS

CARLISLE 12.30; 1. QUANGO IP Carberry 4-1; 2. Cumbrian Moestro 12-4; 3. Burbernick King 14-1; 14 ran. 5-2 fm Cavering (4m), 3, 1/... (FritGerald, Mishon). Tobe: (23.80; 5:190, 62.00, 65.40, DF; 5:12.00, CSF; £14.58, 7m. 5:265.00

Jockey Club aims to accelerate punters' cash flow

Racing JOHN COBB

Anyone daring to call the Jock-ey Club antediluvian are the ones out of touch now. In one impressive stride yesterday raeing's regulators announced that they can now be contacted by e-mail and that their racecourse stewards will soon be conducting inquiries using something to the drop in turnover. called a telephone.

It is the telephonic develop- objection will have to announce

WINDSOR

2.00 Supreme Flyer (nb) 2.30 Cardinal Rule

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Leading trainers with runni

nificance for punters. It forms speeding up stewards' inquiries and should result in punters belate their winnings quickly enough to keep the bookmakers happy. The Tote chairman. Lord Wyatt once estimated that lengthy stewards' inquiries cost the sport £1m a year due

HYPERION

INSPECTION: 7.30am

GOING: Chases - Good to Firm; Hurdrer - Good.

Figure-of-eight course. Level, with sharp turns, and long straights, and 200yd run-in.

Georyse is porth of town on A308 near function 8 of M4. Stations at Windsor Central
[service from London, Paddington) and Windsor Riverside (service from London, Waterloo) Im. River bus stops at course. ADMISSION: Club \$14; Tattersalls \$10; Silver
Ring \$4. GAR PARK: Club \$2; remainder \$1.50 or \$1.

■ LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS: K Belicy—13 winners from 67 runners gives a success ratio of 22.0% and a profit to a 51 level stake of \$11.21; Miss II Kalghr—8 winners, 53 runners, 16.0%, 46.0%; P Bobbs — 7 winners, 34 runners, 20.6%, +51.86; N Headerson — 7 winners, 40 runners, 17.6%, 518.0%.
■ LEADING JOCKETE: N WILLIAMSON — 10 winners, 84 rides, 16.6%, +513.21; M Bicharda — 10 winners, 77 tides, 12.7%, +515.25; M A Pingerald — 8 winners, 47 rides, 17%, -511.24; J Rafkon — 7 winners, 61 rides, 11.5%, -511.85.
BLINERESD FIRST PURE: Concept Road (2.30), Anlace (scored), Indian Jockey (3.00).
WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Nose. LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Noble Colours (1.30) has been sent 191 rules by 8 Grillate from Nantgaredig, Dyfed.

1.00 ROVAL WINDSOR MAIDEN HURDLE (CLASS E) (DIV I) £2,500 added 2m 6f 110yds Penelty Value £2,268

9 35-25 RIDDING CROP (47) (The Barrow Boys) N Fisholeson 7 11 8 M A Fitzgerald
10 CV SHAMGHI ANA (1854) (R43) (D R Stodert) J Snyth-Ostoume 6 11 8 M 5 Suyde
11 331-54 WIRMER FOR PLAYERS (40) (BF) (Firer Water's Spools P Hobbs 8 11 8 M 8 Democraty
12 04 ZADOK (41) (Ms Jerry Wilmert) J Filiah-Heyer 5 11 8 Photos 8 11 8 M P Heniny (3)
12 declared —
BETTING: 11-8 Eulogy, 4-1 Jet Files, 5-1 Warmer for Players, 5-1 Nordic Spree, 6-1 Riding Crop, 61 Professor Proje, 10-1 Kingtwood Meson; 16-1 Physical Pro, 20-1 Showghi Ass., 25-1 others
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RAYS JUVENILE NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS D) £3,650 added

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2.00 ROYAL WINDSOR MAIDEN HURDLE (CLASS E) (DIV II) £2,500 added 2m 6f 1.10yds Penelty Value £2,250

BETTING: 6-4 Harbour feland, 7-4 Supremo Plyer, 7-1 Rycler Cap, 10-1 Surpancare, 12-1 Chapillane, 10-1 Check Watchers, 20-1 Draw Battle, 25-1 others

2.30 WINDLESHAM NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS E) £5,000 added 3m Penalty Value £4,346

54550 CHAPILLERE (FR) (22) (Byen Beachern) T Thomson Jones 7 11.8.

UC3636 CLOCK WATCHERS (239) (W.R. Sarer)) Bridger 9 11.8.

4233-P DRUM BATTLE (47) (David Chown) W.G. M Turner 5 11.8.

HARBOUR ISLAND (Malcolm 8 Jones M Pipe 5 11.8.

1.30 RAYS JUVERAL MOVINE £3,197

3.00 Supermick 3.30 Sunset And Vine

ment that carries the most sig- their intention as they weigh in and will then be allowed five part of a package aimed at minutes in which to confirm or withdraw their protest. At present five minutes is allowed for ing able to collect and recircu- objections to be lodged after the winner has welghed in. Under the proposed procedures, if no jockey objects at the

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weigh in and no inquiry is an-nounced, the "All Right" signal can be issued straight away saving five minutes on the race. If an inquiry is required, that

- 18 declared
Minimum weight: 10:1. The weights: Chronic Line St. 11th, Romany Blues St. 10th, Line Rowley St. Sth.

BETTING: 7-2 Chill Me River, 6-1 Choi Characher, The Shy Padro, 7-1 Wiscoe Wonder, 9-1 Price Match,
10-1 Curdinal Rule, Romany Sheta, 12-1 Comey Road, Paviora, 14-1 Speedy Scapagem, 18 others
1996: Lay It Off 7 10 2 S Curran 8-1 U G O Nelli 18 ran

FORCE GUIDE

FORM GUIDE

CALL ME RIVER, after a 10-length second to God Speed You at Wincamon, struck form with an 11-length victory over course and distance, with Cardinal Rule a further 20 lengths back in third, while Romandy Blues, was held when he blundered and unseated at the last. Call Me River continued his progress when beleating Cool Character two lengths at Taumon' if a 13th higher heart. My beleation, only 2th higher heart, might well progress isgain and can confirm form with both Cardinal Rule and Cool Character on 7th and 19th worse terms.

respectively. Whose Wonder finished is long way in front of Cool Character when they were second and south to Cordwen at Hereford but Cool Character can prove the back this time. The Stry Padre, who fell at the second last time, was besten a couple of lengths by yesterday's Lacester winner Dromnana at Warwick before that, with Codey Road is ong way behind in south.

3.00 JANUARY HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 added 2m

Penalty Value £2,530

3.30 WINDSOR CASTLE NOVICE CHASE (CLASS E) £4,075 added 2m 5f Penalty Value £3,415

BETTING: 7-4 Art Prince, 7-2 Wild West Wind, 5-1 Court Master, 6-1 Karar, 7-1 Sunsol And Vice, 14-1 Super Ritchart, 18-1 Uncle Algy, 25-1 offices, 1998: No Pen No Gain S 11 10 P Hote 4-7 U Grifford 18 ran

ART PRINCE should complete the hart-took. A faller when in a clear lead on his debut over regulation fences at Newbury in the good roce won by Buchhouse Boy, he has since scored by a destance at Dencaster (malder chase) and Uttooster (novice handicap) and his from-uning factics will be well suited to this course, Art Prince's double penelty means he has 12st 2b, but Marth Barry, who handles this strong puller well, takes of? The and to pe wegit proved no problem at Uttooster. When Art Prince fed at Newbury. Court Master was less of the four finishers. It as hand to believe he would have threatened Art Prince, bithough he was second when that real fell, but he has since been the attend Art Prince, bithough he was second when that real fell, but he has since been the treatened Art Prince, bithough he was second when that real fell, but he has since been the treatened Art Prince, bithough he was second when that real fell, but he has since been the threatened Art Prince, before any consisted in bumpers and onvice hundles, has been third to Lively Knight at Hundigdon and Garrid at Exister in two chase runs this season and should who over fences before long. Kahar, a good second to General Tonic in a Chepsiow handlesp hurdle (3m) last time, is one to watch out for on this chasing debut, although a longer trip would help.

Selection: ART PRINCE

4.00 DATCHET HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS F) £2,575 added 2m 4f Penalty Value £2,203

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161133 TOMYS GIFT (230) (D) (The Bue Chip Group) M Poe 5 11 10...
122(G.P. MARKULETE (44) (C Read Mrs M. Jones 6 11 9...
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-11 secume -Minimum weight: 10st. True handisep weight: Murphy's Run 9st. BETTHR: 7-2 Bershylan, 5-1 Fanday Riyer, 11-2 Manolets, Zeati, 8-1 Yonys Gift, 8-1 Cambo, 10-1 Quelque Chone, 12-1 Casalo's Boy, 14-1 Legal Artich, 16-1 King's Gold, 33-1 Marphy's Run 1998: Cambo 10 10 5 0 Styrms 33-1 (M Banks) 18 ran FORM GUIDE

Ex-insh more GARANYBA has her first run in this country. She is not teniently treated on what she has achieved over timber - her sole win coming in a small hald for a modern hurder at Weaterd in August - but she has done much better on the Flat since then, winning at Stigo, littlamey, Traice and Galway. Garanybe's poor subsequent form could be down to a busy schedule and, following a break, may well now reproduce some of the intercontent shown on the Flat. Family Flyer has won three of his six starts this season, at Prumption (twice) and Southwell, and been placed in the others, last time going down a head and the same in third to Fryup Satellite at Cartislet. The Catterick runner-up, Duke Of Perth, do not do a lot for the form when only fifth at Cartisle vestertay, but Richard Durwoody, who note Faultsy Flyer for both his Plumpton wins, is back in the sacidia. Zestil was well backed to wen a poor race at Fortiwel on his hurding debut last month. This is much tougher, but he has only 10st 4th and should not be dismissed lightly.

Selection: GARANYBA

2m 5f Pentalty Value £3,415

025f1 ART PRINCE (£5) (D) (fery Net) (Droots 7 12 2

29:1 PAYTS BROTHER (A42) (Ns C Goodsel) P Hedge 9 11 10

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40-0900 Rull of TRICES (£2) (Brill J What J Bridge 9 11 4

PRIL SHBLING (USA) (95) (6 C Fart) 0 Williams 8 11 4

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ENGLY ARRAY (49) (Min Margaret Sampson R Robe 7 11 4

PRICE SHBLING (USA) (10) (The Gedon Associates) 8 Paling 9 11 4

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41F1-13 WILD WEST WIND (40) (Lord Vestey Alea H Horight 7 11 4

PROMITIVE PENNY (50) (Min Peter Manon) Miss of Hane 5 10 13

- 13 declared -

phone between the stewards in their box on the racecourse and jockeys in the inquiry room. With only 23 objections dur-

ing 7,271 races last year, the Jockey Club calculates that betting turnover should benefit enormously from the five minutes it will save. Both developments will un-

dergo trials at Southwell next month and, if successful, they will be extended to the other allweather tracks. Turf courses can be conducted over the tele- will adopt all or some of the ini-

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tiatives depending on their configuration.

The Jockey Cluh's director of regulation, Malcolm Wallace, said: "We have studied procedures used by other turf authorities and are trialling some of their proven methods, suitably amended for use in this

"By increasing betting time, they will help both the punters and the betting industry, thus increasing the levy. Consequently racing as a whole will benefit.

SIS RACING

Modlark (visor, 1.20). WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATS: None.

(http://www.nettec.co.uk/jockeycluh/ or e-mail contact: jockeyclub@nettec.co.uk) will have

The Jockey Club's web site

HUNTINGDON

1.20 Come On in 1.50 Melnik 2.20 Ptp's Dream 2.50 Judicial Field 3.20 Shining Light 3.50 Desert

INSPECTION: 7.30am

GOING: Hurdles course - Good (Good to Firm to back straight):

LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Boyzontoown (1.20) has been sent 200 miles by R Collars from Newton Ayeldle, Co Durbon; Desert Fighter (3.50) has been sent 180 miles by Mrs M Reveley from Ling-

1.20 BUCKWORTH NOVICE SELLING HURDLE (CLASS G) £2,375 added 2m 4f 110yds

06 BOYZONTOOWA (38) R Colors 5 11 6 R Johnson 100 MUDILARK (38) (36) J Morion 5 11 6 W Fry V 006026 SLIGHTLY SPECIAL (27) 8 Pisors 5 11 6 R Johnson (7) SPITFIRE SRIPGE (28) G MUDILAR 5 11 6 R Hoboura (7)

5 004 Wather West; psg w GM inter 5 11.5 A information 6 P Norace Cross (142) Minglore 5 11.1 J. Byan 2 7 00P-66P SABUTEUSE (62) J Poutron 5 11.1 J. J Mingley 8 F4 Collec ON IN (25) R Oxfort 4 10.7 ______ X Abspars (7) 9 0 STORM WIND (74) K Borks 4 10.7 _____ X Lumach 10 524P04 SONG FOR JESS (33) (RIF) F Jordan 4 10.2 ____ S Wyste

BETTING: 5-2 Weather Wise, 4-1 Come On In, 5-1 Song For Jess, 11-2 Mattach, 6-1 Stightly Special, 15-2 Spittire Bridge, 12-1 others

1.50 WOODHURST NOVICE CHASE (CLASS E) £4,500 added 3m

1/P120-1 MELNIK (29) Mrs A Perrett 6 11 10

pages of historical background on the organisation. It will contain a news page with the Club's

latest press statements as well as up-to-date disciplinary details on jockeys' suspensions. One of the first names to ap-

pear on that site will be that of Fergal Lynch. The leading apprentice was referred to Club HQ at Portman Square for his

in the sprint handicap at Lingfield vesterday. The stewards found that Mi-

riding of Mijas, first past the post

jas bad interfered with Daaniera, who in turn interfered with Mister Raider and Sihafi, and that the interference was caused by irresponsible riding. As Lyuch had already heen

suspended for a total of 12 days for riding offences within the previous 12 months, he must explain himself before the Club's Disciplinary Committee.

2.20 HIGHFIELDS NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,650 added 2m 110yds

Chases - Good.

Right-hand, level course, Run-in 200yds,
Right-hand, level course, Run-in 200yds,
Racecourse is at junction of A1 and A604. Huntingdon railway station (service from London, King's Cross) is one mile away. AD-MISSION: Members 512; Tauersalis 58 (Sudents half-price); Course 54. CAR PARS: 51. 2.50 TETWORTH HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS F) £4,000 added 2m 4f 110yds

- 9 declared -Mornum weight 10st, True hundron weight Opa's Tempor 9st 12th. BETTING: 5-2 Distractive, 4-1 Jodicial Field, 9-2 Hawailan Youth, Tim dier, 8-1 Rose (Sag. 19-1 Opa's Temspot, 12-1 others

3.20 GAMLINGAY HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS D) £5,000 added 3m D) £5,000 added 3m

1 462-014 DONTTELLTER WEFE (27) (D) C (garton 11 11 13_1 A McCourtly
2 1/15/1-1 MONTEEL (891) (D) N Tearon-Dures 9 11 7 ... C Liewellyn
3 003-311 ACT OF PARLIAMENT (23) (D) K Bolley 9 11 6 ... Art R Waldey (T) B
4 32U5-12 SHIWING LIGHT (28) (C) (83) 0 Notiction 8 11 3 ... Art Mades (T) B
5 LI 12251- CANTORES FRATER (413) No. J Purman 10 10 9 ... W Massion
6 414-214 SOLO GENT (24) (CD) A Jones 8 10 3 S Curran
7 33U10-P BENDOR MARK (TS) M Wilderson 8 10 0 J F Titley
7 declared Minimum weight 10st. True handscap weight Bendor Mark 9st 120.
BETUNG: 5-2 Shining Light, 3-1 Act Of Parliament, 4-1 Montebet, 5-1 Contocts Feater, 8-1 Doot Tell The Wile, 12-1 Solo Bout, 25-1 Bendor Mark

3.50 KINGSTON HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS D) £4,000 added 2m 110yds

— 8 declared — BETTING: 5-4 Desert Fighter, 3-1 Horrietta Howard, 4-1 Stoney Valley, 6-1 La Nicomf, 7-1 Jungle Kalfe, 12-1 Major Yazal

WOLVERHAMPTON

BETTING: 5-4 Meinik, 9-2 Mr Pickpocket, 5-1 Teusessee Twi-ter Hope, 7-1 Scamallach, 10-1 General Gigs, 14-1 others

1.40 Priolo Prima 2.10 GALAPINO (nap) 2.40 Celestial Choir 3.10 Golden Hadeer 3.40 Come Too Mamma's 4.10 Ultra Boy

DRAW ADVANTAGE: Middle to high numbers usually best. STALLS: 71 – outside; remainder - unside.

Fibresand, tel.-hand, oral course.

Course is north of town on A440. Wolverhampton station 1m.

ADMESSION: Club \$15; Tattersoils \$6 (QAP members of Diamond

SIS RACING

BLINKERED PIEST TIME: Figlia (visor, 3.40). WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Golden Hadeer (3.10) LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Opera Buff (2.40) & Rager To

(3,10) sent 150 miles by 8 O'Sullivan from Whitcombe, Dorset. 1.40 NETHERTON MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £4,900 added 1m 100yds 002- GOLD LANCE (USA) (15) R O'Sulben 4 9 0 ... D Harrison 3 8

Please (4.10) have been sent 150 miles by Miss Gay Kelleway from Whiteumbe, Dorset; Gold Lance (1.40), Infamons (2.40) & Al Haal

6 DISHY DIAMOND (14) W Mar 489 R Perbata 4

2.10 TIPTON CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS E) £4,025 added 1m 4f

021-11-0 GREENSPAN (9) (CD) W Muir 5 9 10. 041385 WADADA (137) O Burdel 6 8 10 ________ \$ Drowns 6 040/00 APPEARANCE MONEY (50) F Murphy 6 8 7 ____ I Running 9 10' EUROLING THE LAD (2,017) O Burdel 10 8 6 ___ F Norton 6 9 1/0044-0 PISTOLS AT DAWN (USA) (9) (CD) 8 Mechan 7 8 8... 9 244000 THORNTOUN ESTATE (254) M Tours # 286. Deta McKamet 8.9 10 000/- MISS THE BEAT (499) 5 Melor 5 8 1 _____ / Branchill (7) 4

BETTHRE: 5-2 Salapino, 3-1 Greenpan, 9-2 Zahid, 8-1 High Low, 10-1 Eurodok The Lad, Thombuse Estate, 11-1 Wednide, 12-1 others

2.40 MANCHESTER HANDICAP (CLASS C) £7,325 added 1m 4f 430503- OPERA BUFF (39) (CD) Mess G Xelleway 6 10 0

4 4430/2 STAR RAME (283) (CD) I I, Horrs 7 9 3 _____ J Weaver 9 5 105060 AT LIBERTY (RD) R Horrors 5 9 2 _____ R Pechan 1 6 022003 BISANOUS (USA) (128) (D) R O'Sufrien 4 9 0 ____ J Quinn 8 7 25401-5 ARRORS STAR (121) (CD) 0 Morray Smah 4 8 12 - 5 Sanders 5 34000-0 QUT ON A PROMISE (131) (C) N Water 5 8 10 ___ F Lynch (3) 4 9 4443/52 PROPRIETS HONOUR (4) P Hostors 5 8 6 ____ S Thomas 2 10 15653-6 STATE APPROVAL (4) (CD) P Spotes 4 7 11 __ J Brombill (7) 8 ___ 10 declared -___ SCHOOL, 4 - 1 Prince Durale, 9-2 Opens Buff, 6-1 Prophets Honour, 6-1 Inflamous, Out On A Pronder, 16-1 Star Rags, 12-1 others

3.10 DUDLEY HANDICAP (CLASS D) £4,900 added 2m 48yds /00/-00 HUNTING GROUND (7) (0) 8 Bauch 9 7 10......

Allnimum weight: 10st. Two transicop weight: Opol's Terspot St. 12b. BETTING: 7-4 Golden Hadeer, 3-1 Rood Manic, 9-2 Partitle, 5-1 Noufart, 10-1 Cleseic Account, 14-1 Anglessy See View, 16-1 others

3.40 SILSTON SELLING STAKES (CLASS F) £3,850 added 370 5f 52034-3 ENATERBUL PARTISI (B) W G M Turner 8 7......... 7 Spreice 3 V

4.10 BIRMINGHAM HANDICAP (CLASS D) 55,000 added 3YO 7f 5 00043-2 EAGER TO PLEASE (1.3) (C) Mos G Nederlay 86. Senders 2 8
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Richard Dunwoody gave up his rides at Leicester vesterday, including a winner in Amancio, after complaining of pain from the back injury he sustained in a fall at Punchestown on Monday.

Today's cards at Huntingdon and Windsor are threatened by frost and are subject to inspections.





NEWCASTLE'S NEW ERA: Titles won with two clubs, but doubts remain about the Magpie's choice, says Glenn Moore

Dalglish's black and white record

hort-term gain: longterm question mark. In asking Kenny Dalglish to assume Kevin Keegan's mantle for the second time, Newcastle United have put their need for silverware ahead of their desire to create a Tyneside footballing dynasty.

There is no question that they have chosen a winner. Dalglish's managerial achievemeots at Liverpool and Blackburn Rovers stand comparison with the best the British game has produced. Yet he walked away each time, precipitating turmoil at both clubs. He left Anfield because, he said, "I thought my head would explode." He stepped back from management at Ewood Park after telling the chairman, Robert Coar, "I don't want the team responsibility or heavy day-to-

Given that the burdeo of Geordie expectation broke Keegan there must be a strong chance that, in two or three years' time, Newcastle will be earching for a manager again. They may even find themselves in the same confusion as this

Of course, they may have that long-awaited championship in the trophy room by then. But theo what? This decisioo goes against the whole philosophy of Sir John Hall's chairmanship. Appointing Bobby Robson, a Geordie, to manage while Peter Beardsley, another Geordie, was being tutored, was more in keeping with his dream of building a European superpower with regional roots.

Sir John, it appears, did want Robson, but Robson is not a breaker of contracts. While he has been pondering his position at Barcelona, Douglas Hall, Sir John's son, who is about to take over the day-to-day running of the club, has acted. It would appear that this week has marked not just the end of the Keegan years, but the Sir John Hall years too. In a way it is fitting for both were similar men, who found it hard to rein in their passion for the Magpie cause.

Douglas Hall and Dalglish could form an equally successful - if different - pair. They must have an initial understanding, because Dalglish places great store by the nature of the people he works with. Dalglish was the initial



Kenny Dalglish (right) shares the touchline with Kevin Keegan while in charge of Blackburn, who he guided to the Premiership title in 1994 (inset bottom left). After a glittering playing career, including winning the 1981 European Cup (top left), Dalglish won the Double in his first season in charge at Anfield (right) Main photograph: Peter Jay

favourite but, for a few days, people close to him thought he would prefer to stay with his family in Southport. Instead, it seems, he feels refreshed and attracted by the challenge of taking Newcastle that extra step. He may even feel ready for a long commitment. At 45, the same age as Keegan, Dalglish is less than a year older than Alex Ferguson was when he arrived at Old Trafford a

Yet Dalglish, although deeply in love with football, has oever seemed quite as absorbed in the business of football management. This is not to denigrate his commitment while in a joh. Nor should the earlier references to precipitating turmoil at Anfield and Ewood suggest he is the foothalling equivalent of an asset-stripper.

At Liverpool, be brought in Steve Heighway to run a youth system which has since pro-

tionals Robbie Fowler and Steve McManaman. He also signed Jamie Redknapp at 17. At Blackburn, he helped huild a flourishing youth scheme and spent much of his final year encouraging its members at

close quarters.

Newcastle's own youth system is developing but most of the plans are still just plans. The progress of the young players in their squad has not been helped

duced the England interna- by the dishandment of the reserve leam.

Restoring "the stiffs" may be high in Dalglish's agenda but first he has a ticklish problem to solve. Peter Beardsley was most supporters' choice to take over as manager; he is as revered on Tyneside as Keegan. He also had some unhappy times at Liverpool as player under Dalglish. Will Dalglish play him? Howwill Beardsley, and the supporters,

flueoced by the type of football Dalglish's Newcastle play. Ooe of his early Liverpool sides, the one of Beardsley, John Barnes and John Aldridge, was a delight to watch. Many observers regard it as the most attractive of all the successful Liverpool

Blackburn, by contrast, were often grim. They scored plenty of goals but they lacked style. It looked hard work playing for Dalglish's commitment?

Both questions may be in- Blackburn, it was often hard work watching them.

Initially, the Toon Army will tolerate that as long as the team are winning. If they are in contention for the title they will stand for any number of 1-0 victories. In the long term they will be demanding style as well.

The big question, however, the one which will be exercising minds in the City as well as at United, is how long-term is

KENNY DALGLISH FACT FILE

1966 Played for Scotland schoolboys 1967 Joined Celtic on provisional

Cettle to Cumberneutd United.

1969 First-team debut for Cettle - pt ing record with Ceitic: Games 324 goals 167.

1968 Turned professional; loaned by Cettle to Cumbernauld United.

1977 Transferred to Liverpool for £400,000. Playing record with Liver-pool: games 515, goals 173. 1983 Footballer of Year and Players Player of Year.

1991 Announced shock resignation in February, appointed Blackburn man-ager in October. 1992 Broke British trans

1994 Broke transfer record for sec-ond time, paying E5m to Norwich for Chris Sutton in July.

Ray Harford taking over as manager. 1996 Leaves Blackburn by mutual con-sent. In "December" appointed busisent. In December Sphotted Dis-ness development manager for Carnegie Sports International, a company owned by the Rangers chairmen, David Murray. 1997 Succeeds Kenin Keegan as man-ager of Newcestle, giving him the op-portunity of becoming the first domesto-menager in Instruy to win the charu-pionenip with three different clubs.

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Playing Friday: Burnley v Bury. Third Division

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TODAY'S NUMBER

500,000 in advance sales by the Rugby Football League for the Silk

Cut Challenge Cup final at Wembley on 3 May, which is

heading for a 77,500 self-out.

Leonard comeback bout confirmed

Boxing

The loog-awaited comeback tight of Sugar Ray Leonard against Hector Camacho was yesterday confirmed for I March in Atlantic City.

The bout, originally scheduled for the previous day, had been in serious doubt when the New Jersey Casino Control Commission was asked by regulators to ban the promoters, New Contenders, from staging

the bout because of alleged ties to organised crime. Leonard. 40. who has world titles at five different weights,

will be fighting for the first time in just under six years. Joe Calzaghe has vacated the British middleweight title to conceotrate all his efforts on gaining a world championship title chance. The 24-year-old Welshman will also bypass a European title offer to go "for

bigger things". His promoter,

Frank Warren, believes he will

he able to secure his fighter a bout with the World Boxing Council champion, Robin Reid, or the World Boxing Organisation champion. Steve Collins, before the end of the

Calzaghe, who woo three ABA titles, has a 100 per cent professional record, with all but one of his 19 victories coming inside the distance. His next fight is in Bristol next Tuesday against Spain's Jose

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Football .30 unless state FA CUP THIRD ROUND Coventry v Woking (7.45) Leicester v Southend (7.45) Stoke v Stockport (7.45).... THIRD ROUND REPLAYS

Newcastle v Chariton (7.45) Sunderland v Arsenal (7.45) West Ham v Wrecham (7.45) TENNENTS SCOTTISH CUP SECOND ROUND REPLAYS

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round replay: Farsley Celtic v Gusseley.
DR MARTENS CUP Third round: Baldock
Rown v Torbridge; Raunds Town v Tarmworth.
WELSH CUP Fourth round replay: Corney
v Caemarion Town: Bolow Vale v Aberystwyth.

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(7.0): York v Barnstey (7.0). Group Four:
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Chesterfield (7.0). Group Five: Derby V Wel-

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Rugby League SIK CUT CHALLENGE CUP First Round: Saddleworth v Ellenborough 17 301. Second round: Walney Central v Millorn (7.301 (at Bar-

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Scotland Under-19 v Watsonians Under-21 (7.0) (at Murray-

CLUB MATCHES: Pontypool v Swansee 17.301; Felinfoel v Lianelli (7.01; RAF v Com-bined London OB (7.30) (at Libbridge).

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the disciplinary record we've got this season," Wenger said. "We have had five sendings-off, but each ooe of them was a different case. If you look at the Dennis Bergkamp situation on Saturday, that was down to a little individual frustration and a bad reaction." Bracewell suffered knee lig-

Football

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defending his team's reputation

on the eve of tonight's FA Cup

Saturday's 1-0 Premiership

defeat at Roker Park was a bit-

ter blow to the Gunners' fitle

hopes. But as much damage was

done by a game that saw five Ar-

senal players booked and Den-

on Paul Bracewell, admittedly out of character, brought the

Highbury side their fifth red

card in 10 games. Wenger's

team have also picked up more

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the Frenchman denied claims

that they were overly aggressive.

nis Bergkamp sent off. Bergkamp's dreadful lunge

ament damage as a consequence of tbat Bergkamp tackle, and he is set to join the lengthy Sunderland missing list. It ensures that Bergkamp will receive a bostile reception from what could be the last-ever FA Cup tie at Roker, but the more important question Wenger must answer concerns the identity of the man to partner the Dutchman in attack.

three-game ban while John are always very vocal and they Hartson, scorer of the opening goal in the 1-1 Highbury draw, is also ruled out after talking his way to a red card against Mid-

Brighton in a jam

fans throughout the country to iam the Football Association's telephone and fax lines in the three days leading up to England's game against Italy at Wembley on 12 Fehruary.

John Baine, of the Brighton Independent Supporters' Association, said: "The idea behind this protest is to clog the FA ahead of the England game. We have to make people aware that the FA have been spineless in matters concerning the Albion's future.

We would like to think that there will be between 4,000 to 5,000 faxes and phone calls. We've already had support from

is to make it impossible for the FA to function before the England match."

More talks between the Brighton chairman, Bill Archer, and Dick Knight, the head of the consortium trying to take over the Third Division club, are being held later this week. The discussions have been organised by the FA and are proceeding under the mediation of the Centre For Dispute Resolution.

Brighton plan to ground-share at Gillingham next season but no one at a supporters' meeting on Monday night said they would be making the 170-mile round trip. | Aamodt after collecting the

While youngster Paul Shaw is an option, he is regarded as more of a midfield player, and either The Arsenal manager, Arsène Paul Merson or David Platt, both Wenger, was busy yesterday of whom have considerable experience of a striking role, is likely to be asked to play in a more advanced position.
At least Wenger picked up no

further injuries on Saturday, although Lee Dixon's return after an ankle injury to training yesterday came too late for bim to be involved.

For Sunderland, the young striker Michael Bridges is doubt-ful with a groin problem and they are already without Martin Scott, Alex Rae, Steve Agnew and Paul Stewart, while the Swede Jan Eriksson is ineligible.

Their coach, Bobby Saxton, said: "We are down to the bare than 50 bookings this term to bones, there's no flesh on them at all. Arsenal have got players record in the Premiership, but who have made more international appearances than some of our lads have made League "I do not think we deserve appearances."

West Ham will look to make home advantage - and a green pitch - tell when Brian Flynn brings his Wrexham side to the East End. Harry Redknapp looks likely to keep the side that held the Premiership leaders. Liverpool, to a draw at Anfield on Saturday, although the onloan Mike Newell will have to step down from the bench.

Wrexham looked on course for an upset at the Racecourse Ground when Bryan Hughes nodded them in front before Hugo Porfirio's delicately flighted equaliser. Flynn has a doubt over Kevin Russell, who has an injured knee, but is hopeful of putting on a show for the estimated 2,500 visiting fans.

"Our away support has been Ian Wright completes his brilliant," Flynn said. "They showed when we went down to West Ham and drew in the Cup four years ago how important they are. Hopefully they can be

> 13th win of his career. "After I the course hut he finished ed the fastest second run to leap nearly went down I thought 1 0.17sec slower than Aamodt, into third place with 2:23.96. had no chance to win here. But with an aggregate time of then Von Gruenigen also made 2:23.69. a mistake and that's ski racing first World Cup race of the sea-Beating Von Gruenigen on his son yesterday and in doing so denied Switzerland's Michael home turf is an achievement."

ter the first run, appeared poised to collect his third sweep of the three classics and a place in the record books. Aamodt was only fourth after the first leg of the giant slalom in Adelboiden, Switzerland, and made what he described as a "very hig mistake" midway through his second run down the sun-drenched course. But the Norwegian recovered to finish with a combined time of

2min 23_52sec. "This is incredible," said

von Gruenigen in his hid for a

straight win and join Alberto Tomba as the only men to sweep the giant slalom classics of Alta Badia, Kranjska Gora and Adelboden in the same season. Victory would have also virtually secured this year's giant slalom World Cup for Von Gruenigen who also won it last year. On the second run Von Gru-

Von Gruenigen, the leader af-

enigen was urged on by thousands of Swiss supporters lining

Norway's Kjetil Andre Aamodt on his way to victory in the World Cup giant slalom race in Adelboden, Switzerland, yesterday

"Nohody is unbeatable hut it's tough to lose on your home ground," said Von Gruenigen, who has now reached the podium in all but two of the last 15 giant slaloms. "My second run just was not

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good enough. I made mistakes, but all has gone well this winter. I was second today and that's not so tragic. Maybe I was trying too hard. But I won this race last year and I'm pleased with a place on the podium. You have to be ready for victory and for defeat.

Austria's Andreas Schifferer, 13th after the first leg, recordHans Knaus, second behind Von Gruenigen after the first

leg, fell at the bottom of the piste and missed the final gate. Knaus was one of several Austrians to run into trouble in the race as the nation's skiers competed fiercely for places in the team for next month's World

Aamodt recovers to deprive Von Gruenigen

Championships. Von Gruenigen's second place left him in a strong position at the top of the giant slalom standings and also in the lead in the overall World Cup, ahead of Aamodt. With two giant slaloms remaining and 200 points on offer, Von Gruenigen leads Aamodt by 159 points in now trails Von Gruenigen by just 26 points in the overall standings. "I'm thinking about the overall title," admitted Aamoot, who also has three third-place finishes to his credit this season. "But I'm taking things one race at a time and

The Norwegians had further reason to celebrate as Lasse Kjus, the reigning overall World Cup champion, returned to competition. Bothered by chronic sinus problems, Kjus has been out of action since the circuit returned to Europe from North America in December.

bope I can get on a roll."

1994 overall champion, back days so I was really worried into the fight for a second title. about my fitness," said Kjus, The Norwegian all-rounder who finished seventh. "So under the circumstances I'm very pleased with my performance. There was no such good

news for Tomba, who missed the race because of the influenza that forced him out of the second leg of the slalom in Chamonix on Sunday. Tomba's absence could prove costly in his hid to defend his giant slalom title at the World Championships as he dropped out of the top 15 in the giant rankings for the first time in 10 years.

That means Tomba will not be able to select a start number at the World Championships in Sestriere, Italy.

IAAF reveals prize fund

If Michael Johnson can match his record-hreaking Olympic double at this year's World Championships in Athens, he will collect \$220,000 (£125,000). Prize-money is to be paid at the world event for the first time this

The International Amateur Athletic Federation gave details yesterday of the \$11m it plans to hand out in prize-money during 1997. The figures include \$7.785m for major championships, including the world outdoor champiouships, in Athens and the world indoor championships in Paris.

At the last two world outdoor championships, winners were given a luxury Mercedes car. The gold medallists in Athens will be guaranteed \$60,000 in cash with \$30,000 and \$20,000 for second and third-placed athletes. World records in Athens will also be worth an extra \$100.000.

Warrington land Tatupu

Warrington welcomed their ninth recruit from New Zealand yesterday and predicted that there could be another to follow, writes Dave Hadfield.

Tony Tatupu, who has played in the second row for the Kiwis and Western Samoa, bas finally arrived at the chib after a tug-of-war for his services after his sacking from the Auckland Warriors. Halifax and the Australian club Hunter Mariners were both chasing Tatupu, but the player admitted be had wanted to play for Warrington from first talking to their coach, John Dorahy.

"I think we could have an awesome side here, with every chance of getting to Wembley this year," the 27-year-old Tatupu said. Dorahy has no doubts about his new signing.
"With his pace and his ability, we

have got a class player," he said.
Tatupu will be helped to set-tle in by the game's biggest Kiwi colony. Although the overseas quota is now set at six, various loopholes and exemptions mean

that, even with nine on board.

there is still room for one more We are still looking for quality players, with a goalkicking stand-off or full-back the priority," said the club's football

manager, Alex Murpby. Warrington, who have re-duced the asking prices for three transfer-listed players -Lee Penny, Ian Knott and John Hough - will give debuts to their four new players in the friendly against Salford on Sunday Apart from Tatupu, his compatriots Nigel Vagana and Dal-las Mead and the former Great Britain Test hooker Martin Dermott will all get a run.

Salford will also bave some new faces on show. As well as Andy Platt and John Cartwright, they are poised today to announce the signings of David Hulme and Esene Faimalo, both out of contract at Leeds.

The Silk Cut Challenge Cup final in May is already heading for a sell-out, according to the Rugby League, which has also denied that there is any danger of Paris failing to take part.

Basketball

SPORTING DIGEST

NBA: Aberta 93 Develord 79; Merri 98 West-ington 85; Crisnico III4 New Jersey III; Utoh 97 Prikadelpha 96 (ed; Proens 105 Deles 98; Characte 102 Derver 100 (etc. Boxing

Scott Welch, who suffered an over-whelming points defeat in his unsuc-cessful World Soxing Organisation heavyweight title challenge agains! Henry Alumwande in Nashville tast weekend, is being fined up to fight the big-punching South African François Botha on the under-card of a title de-tence by Michael Moorer, the Interna-tional Boxing Federation heavyweight champion, in the United States in March. Onew Docherty, the British bantamweight

Scott Welch, who suffered an over-

champion, in the United States in March. Draw Docherty, the British bantamweight champion, has opted to fight on the undercard of a promotion in Glasgow following the collapse of his European trie meeting with Johnny Bredahl after the Dane failed a drugs test. The 31-year old will fight Lyndon Kershaw, from Halifax, on 27 January at the St. Andraw's Sporting Club as part of the under-card for the vacani British filthweight championship contest between Kerth Krox, of Bonnyngg, and Adey Lews from Bury, Johnny Armour, from Crutham, continues his career with a challenge for the World Boang Council International bantamweight champonship at 1brik Hall, Bethraf Green, on 29 January, Armour, 28, will meet the Willy Perdemo, of the Domincan Republic, in his second bout since being released from prison.

Palestan yesterday cruised to victory over a depleted West Indies side by eight wickets in their limited overs World Series match at the Sydney Cricket Ground. Both teams had already qual-ified for the final, Pakistan cantered to

183 for 2 with 64 balls to spare efter Wass Indies equiter collapsed to 181 all out, losing eight wickets for 25 runs in their last 10 overs.

WORLD SERES (Sydneys Was India 181 (47.3 overs; S Chardengal 72; Sodan Musting 4-17); Paissan 183 for 2 99.2 overs Asin Sonal 55. Paidesse won by eight wickets. Standings: 1 West India (7-4).

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Indea yesterday made four changes in their squad for the triangular limited-overs series against South Africa and Zimbabwe later this month and altered travel plans to give their players a rest before a four of the West Indies. The opener a now or me viest indices, the opener Wooken Raman, the middle-order bats-men Pankaj Dharmani, the left-arm spin-ner Venkatapathy Raju and the medium-pacer David Johnson have been omitted from the one-day squad.

FOOTBALL LEASUR FREST DY AND NATIONWIDE FOOTBALL LEASUR FREST DY SEND SUPERIOR SUPER

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Motorcycling The Malasystan Grand Prix is in danger of being dropped from the circuit if or-ganisers fail to hold this year's Grand Prix at the Shah Alam circuit on 13 April

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Specturary
Billy Hamil, the world champion, has agreed to join Balle Vue in the Elite League on a year's loan after being left without a club following Cradley Heath's withdrawal from the newly-formed com-

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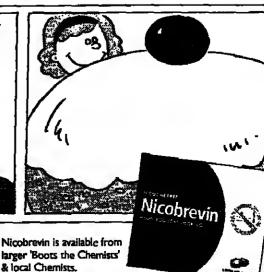
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How many reasons do you need to try Nicobrevin?

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Stewart's double life

England's wicketkeeper-batsman on his dual responsibilities, page 20

FOOTBALL: Former Liverpool and Blackburn manager is unanimous choice of Newcastle board to replace Kevin Keegan

Dalglish accepts the challeng

PETER PARKER

Kenny Dalglish has returned to football management as Kevin Keegan's successor at the helm of Newcastle

Newcastle's chairman. Sir John Hall, confirmed the Scot's appointment at a news conference at St James' Park yesterday evening after news of the club's decision had leaked out earlier from Rangers, for whom Dalglish had only just begun working in an advisory capacity.

Sir John, who said the appointment had the unanimous backing of the board, thanked Keegan for his work as manager over the past five years before saying of Dalglish. "I am certain with his record he will do wonders at this club, a club with great expectations.

That record includes two championships, with Liverpool and Blackhurn Rovers, but he also left both those clubs after taking them to the pinnacle of the domestic game.

Dalglish, who also succeeded Keegan as Liverpool's No 7 in 1977, signed a three-and-a-half year contract and stressed he was looking to build on the legacy of the Keegan years on Tyneside. "Kevin set tremendous foundations here and everyone appreciates what he did for Newcastle. I am looking forward to taking over from someone who's done a super job," he said.

Despite retreating from the pressure at Anfield in 1991 and moving upstairs as director of football at Ewood Park before leaving in 1995, Dalglish said he had not been able to resist the chance to return to management at a club of Newcastle's standing. He said: "There was no rush for me to get back into man-agement but when a job comes along of this stature it's difficult to turn it down."

Dalglish said he would keep on former his Liverpool teammate, Terry McDermott, and the chief scout, Arthur Cox, who took charge of the team in the wake of Keegan's departure. They will stay in command for the FA Cup replay with Charlton at St James' Park tomorrow and Dalglish said: "Terry and Arthur have prepared the team for tomorrow and it wouldn't be fair

"Terry Mac will stay here. He's someone I know I can trust and the same goes for Arthur. He has got a vast knowledge of Newcastle football club and it would be wrong of me to dismiss that. I can learn from it."

Dalglish has inherited a Newcastle side challenging for ho-nours on three fronts - they are fourth in the Premiership, in the quarter-finals of the Uefa Cup and still in the FA Cup, but he was not about to make any rash predictions about succes

"I don't ever set targets. I just do my best and ask the same of other people," Dalglish said."[7] try my best to give the people and the players here what they want - which is success.

ACROSS

Rivers, say, once driven in shipyards (3-4)

See me wearing plain-wo-ven vestment! (7)

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Kenny Dalglish, Newcastle's new manager (left), shares a joke with Terry McDermott, who is staying on at the club, at St James' Park last night

"But let's just wait and see where we go from here. I never shoot my mouth off. I just go out and do the work. If the success does come along, all good

Dalglish briefly met the Newcastle players before facing the press and then greeting ecstatic Toon Army fans, who had gathered outside the stadium

singing his name. Dalglish signed Alan Shearer and David Batty while at Blackhurn, and played alongside and managed Peter Beardsley at Liv-

THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD

light spot in play (7,3.5) Wild elephant tracks show

Not using top gear around

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Yorkshire moor, in the

air!' (7) Blighter soon out and

about, mediating (15)

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Principal line of ships (9)

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ty to embrace one (5)

West Africa (5)

plain solution (8.7)

Girl leaves chemist for

dirty tricks (7)

Mark Lawrenson on the coaching staff, there will be plenty of familiar faces around him.

"There is always someone at the club you know wheo you take over, but the main thing, as far as I'm concerned, is that the players Kevin's left here are a credit to the cluh and to Kevin's judgement." he said. "The cyncs may say there's not been any silverware, but there's not many clubs win silverware and there's no doubt that he's made the club stronger and given a lot of pride

erpool. With McDermott and and satisfaction back to Newcastle supporters which was

missing five years ago." Hall promised that Dalglish. like Keegan before him would enjoy considerable financial backing in the transfer market. "You always have to make mon-ey available. This club has never shirked from spending

money," Hall said. Dalglish pre-empted inevitable questions about the manner in which he left Liverpool and Blackburn, each time of his own accord.

"I left Liverpool, which is agreed to join Carnegie Sports well-versed, because I was unable to do the job. hut there were two disasters in 14 years' service," he said. "And I left Blackburn hecause I was trying to protect Ray Harford a linle bit, because there were internal

problems, but they were foothalling reasons." First news came of the of the appointment came Irom Rangers vice-chairman, Donald Findlay, speaking on BBC

the pecking order, but, despite much public and private ago-nising, Robson proved unable International a company owned by the Rangers chairman, David Murray, in the role of oew business development manager.

Findlay said: "I haven't spo-ken to him [Dalglish] personally, but I know obviously that things have been happening over the last day or two. We are sorry to see him go, but naturally wish him every success at Newcastle." As the search for Keegan's

successor progressed, Dalglish appeared to have slipped below Barcelona's Bobby Robson in

ment detailing the sanctions.
The Blackhurn caretaker

manager, Tony Parkes, who at the time described Boro's action

as akin "to a Sunday League

side", had thought Rovers had

a good chance of being award-

this is the second-best decision for us," he said. "But there are

still things that we need to

brough be allowed to field play-

ers they have signed in the

meantime? It is very hard for

anyone to recreate the original

The Blackburn chairman.

Robert Coar, said: "We argued strongly that Middleshrough should have forfeited the game on the basis that they must have

helieved that Blackburn Rovers

would have won. The commis-

sioo warned that in future for-

feiting a game might be an

appropriate penalty.

The one bright spot in Rob-

son's day was the arrival of the

defender, Gianluca Festa, ready

to complete his £2.7m move

from Internazionale. Quite

what Ravanelli had to say by

way of greeting to his compa-

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For instance, will Middles-

"That hasn't happened and

ed the points.

Photograph: Laurence Griffiths/Empics

mood of despair.

his departure last week gave the

impression that they saw that as

the end of the world, but the ap-

pointment of Dalglish seems

very likely to sweep away that

Dalglish's record, page 22

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Men at work.



(See above)



CASK ALE SINCE 1777

Only last month Dalglish Middlesbrough rocked by three-point penalty

from Juventus in the summer,

Ravanelli also mocked Rob-

son's decision to give the play-

ers a break after Christmas

even though they had slumped

"I can't even get angry any

to the foot of the table.

said in an Italian newspaper.

ed. I'm almost certain of it," the Boro, refused to comment after the hearing beyond a state-

NICK DUXBURY

The day began badly for Bryan Robson and went downhill. First, his expensive Italian striker. Fabrizio Ravanelli, declared that Middleshrough were doomed to relegation and then the Football Association left the Teessiders further adnift at the bottom of the Premiership by deducting three points for their

no-show at Blackburn Rovers. Middlesbrough were also fined £50,000, ordered to pay the costs of the FA commission and may have to pay compen-sation to Blackhurn, who were left high and dry when Boro cancelled the game on 21 De-cember with 24 hours' notice. On top of that they will still have

to play the game at Ewood Park. Robson, the club's manager. left the five-hour hearing at the FA's London headquarters grim-faced and making no comment after the decisioo which leaves his expensive, multi-national team four points adrift of next-to-bottom

Southamptoo. His demeanour before the hearing cannot have been much better, with Ravanelli having expressed his disgust with the way things are going at Boro. who have won only one of their their last 16 League matches. a vital relegation match. "I reckon we will be relegat-

more. We have few chances of achieving safety and they give us three days off from training. BOTTOM SIX

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I went to the training camp but everything was locked up. The situation. I am very sorry to say. is truly tragic." His pessimism was well

founded, with Robson and the Middlesbrough chief executive, Keith Lamb, failing to convince the disciplinary hearing that 23 sick, injured and suspended players left them with dence supported their claim that Boro would have been un-

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The sight of grieving Magpies